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Farmers join push to rezone prime land

Ken Sapwell

A strong push is again underway to turn rich farming land at Cudgen into an urban landscape – and for the first time the plateau's red-soil farmers are lending their weight.

Several families who've farmed the Tweed's salad bowl for generations are among 26 landholders signing a petition calling on the council and NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor to rezone the land for urban purposes.

The petition asks Mr Sartor to arrange a meeting to discuss an urgent review of Cudgen's State Significance status, citing changes since 2005 which it says is putting the economic viability of farms 'under a real and present danger of collapse.'

> 'It's the last patch of prime agricultural land on the East coast of Australia but I think it's only a matter of time before it goes.'

It says farms are struggling to stay viable because increasing areas of the plateau are being allowed to lay fallow, drains are weed clogged, labour is hard to find and economies of scale achieved by broad-acre farms elsewhere are impossible to match.

Until now long-time produce growers have refused to publicly support a group of non-farmers in the Cudgen Land Owners' Association whose 10-year campaign to lift its prime agriculture zoning hit a major hurdle when the land was recently given the State's highest possible classification.

Their change of heart comes as property investors and land speculators continue to risk huge stakes in a rezoning gamble, including a $4.5 million Coles joint venture deal for a Lynne Beck family property, with an extra $5 million if it can be used for a supermarket and town houses.

Warren Polglase, who is seeking to regain the mayoral robes, says as a former wheat and rice grower he well understood the farmers' situation.

He says their request is a 'fair ask and worthy of serious consideration' because farmers were best placed to appreciate the land's productivity.

'They have been there a long time and they can't produce enough to remain viable,' he said.

'It has parallels with the farming land around Terranora which the council rezoned because they couldn't make a go of it.'

One retired farmer who didn't want to be named said farmers would have once considered it sacrilege to build on good soil, but times appeared to be changing.

He agreed production was declining because less than a dozen landowners genuinely worked the land while others let their properties run down in the hope that a change of council or government might turn the tide in their favour.

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New kids on the block

Spring has sprung throughout the Tweed, and with it comes new births, not least the *Tweed Shire Echo*'s. Newborn animals are also a common sight in the Tweed Valley. Here five-year-old Makoa Ross is pictured at his grandfather's farm at Uki with this gorgeous Anglo-Nubian kid, whose mother won grand champion doe at the 2008 Royal Brisbane Show earlier this month.

New supermarket for Pottsville?

Pottsville Village appears to have emerged as Tweed Council's first choice for the location of a full-line supermarket on the southern end of the Coast.

Council Administrators at their second last council meeting decided to amend the town's locality plan in a move likely to squeeze the nearby Seabreeze Estate out of the big supermarket race.

But the amendments will not be put on public exhibition until the findings of a yet-to-be completed site suitability investigation are considered.

Council planners have suggested that controls be put in place to limit the size of neighborhood retail centres in places like Seabreeze to around 500 sqm.

They identify Pottsville Village as having the potential to support a full-line supermarket of up to 2500 sqm within the next eight years.

The concentration of retail services in one place would create a vibrant mixed-use centre and reduce shoppers' vehicle fuel bills, the planners say.

A report to the meeting said land restraints around the village which may have hindered an expansion of the existing shopping centre may soon be removed.

'The NSW Department of Lands approached the council and advised that their land which is positioned behind the existing commercial premises could be made available for retail expansion if it supported the strengthening of the existing village centre as the primary commercial and retail hub of Pottsville,' the report said.

'This has changed the current view not only on the availability of land having the potential suitability to accommodate a large supermarket and commercial floor area within the village centre, but would also be likely to present opportunities for improving the local road network.'

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Winds of change sweep Cudgen

Luis Feliu

Retired Cudgen farmer and former Tweed Shire councillor Keith Prichard (pictured on the right) recalls the old days when sweet juicy pineapples were grown and sold by the roadside by the farming families on the rich red soils of the famed Cudgen plateau.

And just as the cash crop switched over from rough-skinned pineapples to sweet potatoes or tomatoes over the years as markets also evolved, the 79-year-old patriarch of the wellknown Cudgen family can sense the times are changing, but in a much more fundamental way.

Mr Prichard, whose family for decades have continuously made a living from growing and selling small crops in the food bowl of Cudgen-Duranbah overlooking the Pacific Ocean, said he was sympathetic to the dilemma faced by the Cudgen farmers and stall operators.

Relaxing on his balcony at Kingscliff's Marine Parade at the weekend, Mr Prichard said he understood farmers who wanted to earn a living from farming, which, even though it was 'a great life', were faced with the offer of 'big money' from developers for their rich volcanic land.

'The temptation is too good,' he said.

'There's no doubt, all of Cudgen and Duranbah is lovely, it has beautiful soil, it's pretty... and it's one of the wettest areas with regular, soaking rain and overflowing dams… it can grow just about any crop,' he said.

Mr Prichard, a long-time chair of his former local growers association, said he foresaw the fragmentation of the land 20-30 years ago despite the 'booming' supply to the Gold Coast and local vendors of fresh produce from the high-yielding volcanic soil.

And the small farmers on the plateau also faced difficulties competing against large-scale production in Queensland with the giant retailers' influence on the market.

He said he 'really wouldn't know' the impact that some speculators and developers buying up the prized land in the agriculturally-protected zone and leaving it fallow were having on the remaining farmers, who were nonetheless making money.

But if a struggling farmer was offered 'two to three million dollars' for their farm, he wouldn't blame them.

'Crikey, I'd be buggered if I didn't take it,' he said .

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before it goes,' he said.

'It's unique because during the last big drought Cudgen farmers didn't have a problem because the plateau has unlimited groundwater.

'But if the farmers don't want to farm and they want to go, well that's their right and I wouldn't say anything against it.'

The renewed push covers the entire plateau and is broader than land just east of the new Coast Road which the Cudgen Landowners' Association had previously targeted, with its spokesman, local developer Allan McIntosh, claiming the soil did not warrant prime status.

CSIRO farm scientist, Brian Keating, says the Tweed is at the crossroads as a growing population puts more pressure on agricultural land, but he says overseas studies have shown the two can coexist even if traditional farming fades.

He says the shire should invest in a rural future by retaining strong links to agricultural activity but building on a diversified economic base which involves 'off-farm' income.

'If we are skilful we can create the conditions for a new rural mosaic supporting diverse activities which would align with the forces now in play,' he says.

Retaining rural landscapes would create opportunities for new niche industries and diversification of the old, farm-based tours, life-style farming and value-adding enterprises while protecting and improv-

Locally-grown fruit and vegetable stalls like this popular one run by the Prichard family in Cudgen could become just a memory if the land they sell from loses its agricultural protection.

The rich red soils of the Cudgen plateau overlooking the Pacific Ocean produce a range of small crops for local and interstate markets.

Rowers reveal river 'secret'

The medals success of Australian rowers at the Beijing Olympics has placed the Tweed River on the sporting map as an increasingly important training ground.

Gold medallist Duncan Free blogged his supporters on the eve of the Games: 'We are training at Murwillumbah on the Tweed River which is about a 15 minute drive away. It's a great stretch of water that is a well kept secret.'

Members of the Murwillumbah Rowing Club are ecstatic about the Beijing performance which saw Australia's rowers equal their best ever haul at an Olympics.

In a finish which caught commentators by surprise the men's pair and double scull claimed victories and the coxless four won silver on a single day at the Shunyi regatta centre.

President Tim Rose said in a message to members: 'MRC can regard itself as a part, just a tiny tiny part, of those medals. We opened our club to the Olympic rowers, moved boats off-site, made racks, facilities and storage available to the crews.

'Our stretch of water was the venue by which those rowers could hone their skills and work on the buildup, to be in peak condition.

'On MRC's behalf, I emailed the head Olympic coach, Chris O'Brien, congratulating him on the success of the Australian teams.'

Australian rowing team doctor Greg Lovell, and two of Free's relatives, Marcus Free and Jason Churchill, made out-of-competition headlines when they rushed to help Chinese locals who were injured in a fatal bus crash about a kilometre from the rowing venue during the opening week of the Games.

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Another new kid on the block!

Dear Reader,

Welcome to your very first edition of the *Tweed Shire Echo*, which we hope will become a tasty part of your weekly reading diet from this Thursday on.

You may well ask what's another free weekly doing in an already saturated newspaper market?

Well, we know that for years many residents have wanted a paper that truly reflects its community and faithfully reports the big issues – no 'beat ups' or 'dumbing-down' to its readers, but honest, in-depth reporting and analysis of the events and issues that really matter to local people.

Our sister paper, the *Byron Shire Echo*, with whom we share some features, has been performing this service south of our region for 22 years.

We know that many of the other weeklies circulating in the shire are simply left to soak up the morning dew on the front lawn before being tossed into the bin (hopefully a recycling one). The green thumbs among us collect these unread throwaways for garden mulch, so you can at least consider the *Tweed Shire Echo* as 'value-added' mulch and derive some pleasure from its contents before (appropriately) discarding it.

The value-adding comes not just from some of the best political and social commentators in the country with Mungo MacCallum and Alex Mitchell (former political editor of the *Sun-Herald*), but with the combined local reporting experience of the editorial team, Madeleine Doherty, Ken Sapwell and myself; we all have a long history of recording Tweed Shire events and issues. Entertainment writer Mandy Nolan is also a well-known regional stand-up comedian and columnist, and you will no doubt love her cheeky take on everyday life.

We believe that by giving readers fair and accurate coverage of what their local council is doing we can help build and maintain grass-roots democracy. A sense of democracy was sadly lacking during the life of the past two elected councils, which were dominated by a faction pushing developer and big-business interests ahead of community aspirations.

And if that sounds a trifle too serious, we promise we will also satirise ourselves (and others!) from time to time and sprinkle these pages with humour. Like our readers, we delight in living in the best place in the world, and we like to show that delight in the way we approach the business of producing a newspaper.

We encourage you to have a good look and tell us what you think about *The Echo*, or about any thing or issue locally that niggles or annoys, inspires or just makes you sit up and take notice – and we will try to give everyone a voice.

Write, email or call with what you would like to see in *The Echo* and how we can improve it for you.

Best wishes

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Council poll draws field of 39 for September 13

Distribution of preferences crucial in council election

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Above: the ballot paper as it appears on the NSW Electoral Commission's website.

Luis Feliu

The clock has wound down to just two weeks before the much anticipated election which will see voters choose seven new, and maybe some old, faces on a fresh Tweed Shire Council.

The election takes on an added dimension and importance given the council's sacking by the state government in May 2005 after an inquiry found the poll campaigns of the so-called 'pro-development' majority had been secretly funded by developers to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Three administrators were appointed by the government to run the shire after the inquiry, headed by Professor Maurice Daly, found the majority councillors had inappropriate links with developers, acting as their 'puppets'.

The September 13 poll has drawn a field of 39 candidates and already is shaping up to be a power struggle between community/greens/independents and those supporting the development lobby.

The Greens and Liberal Parties have endorsed two of the seven groupings of candidates for above-the-line voting and there are nine single or stand-alone candidates.

Observers say distribution of preferences among candidates are crucial for the chances of many running in the poll, given the nature of the local-government election process.

The horse-trading deals for these preferences are also believed to have begun in earnest with control of the slimmed-down council, formerly made up of eleven councillors, also at stake as it only requires a four-councillor majority.

The last-minute nomination by sacked former mayor Warren Polglase, who headed the so-called pro-development majority, is the biggest surprise.

Mr Polglase, a staunch National, businessman and the manager of a manufactured-home village in Kingscliff, heads a ticket of four candidates including his former deputy on council George Davidson.

He has wasted no time in campaigning, criticising the out-of-favour state government which sacked him, and accusing the inquiry which led to the sacking of being a political witchhunt.

Mr Polglase claimed the inquiry found nothing illegal and no charges were ever laid.

Tweed Shire Council was only one of a growing list of councils sacked across the state for a variety of reasons, including corruption.

This year alone, three councils were sacked: Port Macquarie (for its handling of a cultural centre known as 'The Glasshouse'), Wollongong (following an ICAC inquiry) and Shellharbour (deemed dysfunctional).

Last year Broken Hill Council was sacked (dysfunctional), in 2004 Liverpool Council (over the Oasis development) and Walgett Council (financial mismanagement and dysfunctional) and Warringah Council in 2003 (dysfunctional).

Heading the Liberals ticket of four is first-time political candidate Joan van Lieshout, the wife of Peter van Lieshout, who is the brother of billionaire Super A-Mart founder John van Lieshout.

Peter van Lieshout is behind a proposed controversial multi-million-dollar rural-residential development called Nightcap Village in the south-west of the shire which Council is currently assessing and The Greens are strongly opposed to.

Mrs van Lieshout told national media she was 'confident' there would be no conflict of interest with her husband's development if she became a councillor and that she would be legally unable to vote on it due to her pecuniary interest.

Both candidates, tipped to make a bid for the mayor's job, have said they would mostly fund their own campaigns.

Earlier this year, the state government passed new laws governing political donations whereby councillors have to disclose political donations twice a year, instead of just once every four years.

But The Greens say the laws don't go far enough and have warned that Local Government elections will be open to corruption on a scale of Wollongong Council.

Greens MLC Lee Rhiannon, on a visit to the Tweed recently, said the laws would leave voters with no clue as to who was funding candidates or councillors.

`This is a huge loophole. It is a key period when experience shows that large amounts of election funding come through, especially in local government elections,' Ms Rhiannon said.

The new rules also reduce the threshold for political donations disclosure from $1500 to $1000 and all candidates must set up an agent to receive and administer campaign funds, rather than managing funds personally, but these provisions won't apply until 30 days after the local government elections. For information on how to vote early visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au.

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Boyd's retirement follows a

Reporter Ken Sapwell looks back on two decades of elections on the Tweed, starting with the first-ever probe by the government's new corruption watchdog, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, which exposed widespread shenanigans in 1990.

Tweed Shire Council's last man standing, Max Boyd, will step down from his role as administrator next Tuesday (September 2) to make way for a new team of seven councillors whose election will possibly end the most volatile era in the shire's history.

The former long-serving mayor and sole survivor of the former council sacked amid corruption allegations more than three years ago, retires as one of the central figures in a feud-fuelled power struggle which coincided with the Tweed's emergence as a development hot-spot in the 1980s.

The NSW government's decision to axe the bitterly divided council in May 2005 follows a damning inquiry which found that a group of pro-development councillors was elected to power under false pretences, aided by a secret war chest stoked by developers.

To understand the passions which led to their rise and fall it may be helpful to rewind to a time not so long ago when the Tweed, compared to its glitzy Gold Coast neighbour, was a rural utopia, when hamlets were still hamlets and feuds were rife around the ridges.

This age of relative innocence ended when Fingal residents awoke to discover that mysterious men in white shoes had secretly bought up dozens of houses in preparation for an audacious plan to turn their sleepy seaside village into a high-rise tourist Mecca.

While the Gold Coast-based developer, Ocean Blue Pty Ltd, had the backing of people in high places, it spectacularly underestimated the ferocity of the community fight-back.

Bedser sorry for 'tape myth'

By PETER CATON

'I have no tape and there never was a tape'

Bill Bedser

TWEED TAPES

Bedser alleges smear campaign

On the eve of the 1999 council election, businessman Bill Bedser floated a story which the local daily paper, without investigating, ran on its front page. It claimed he had secretly tape-recorded a plot by a pro-Boyd councillor to dig up dirt against a family member to discredit the Balance team. The businessman later admitted he had lied about the tape, but the damage was done as the 'dirty-tricks' helped the pro-development team's bid for control of Council.

ICAC moves in

The public outcry prompted the newly formed Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to shine a spotlight on the attempted takeover, illuminating a web of other dodgy land deals where land speculators and middlemen stood to make enormous overnight profits.

ICAC's landmark inquiry in 1990 named 18 people it believed worthy of prosecution for crimes ranging from bribery and corruption to money laundering and was the first to call for an overhaul of the Election Funding Act after uncovering secret donations to political parties.

The corruption watchdog's activities appeared for a while to dampen the enthusiasm of some developers to do business in the Tweed, but as the new millennium approached the allure of wide tracts of developable land was again proving irresistible.

In the leadup to the council elections in 1999, Max Boyd was enjoying a golden era, buoyed by a massive personal vote which had delivered him the mayoralty an unprecedented 18 times during the previous 20 years.

Not everyone was as enthusiastic about Boyd as the ratepayers, with critics accusing his green-tinged council and certain staff of being slow to unfurl the welcome mat for developers who they argued would revive the shire's economic fortunes with more residential and tourist projects.

Their attacks failed to diminish Boyd's personal popularity and the council's pro-development faction was despairing of ever winning power when along came their white knight, Murwillumbah landowner and businessman, Bill Bedser.

Bedser was one of the town's wealthiest men and a Church of England trustee whose long simmering feud with Boyd boiled over after the council refused to allow his church to build a school at Cudgen on land which was zoned prime agricultural.

Raising the war chest

With the help of locals, many with National Party connections, Bedser formed an organisation dubbed the Small Business Group and raised a $70,000 war chest, including a $20,000 donation from his company, Domfor, an inquiry later found.

The kitty was used to finance a record 24 socalled Independent candidates in 11 groups under the Tweed Balance team umbrella in a bid to maximise their chances under the voting system and to launch an anti-Boyd media blitz accusing the council of mismanagement and incompetence.

To further help his hand-picked team, Bedser floated an election-eve story which made front page on the local paper claiming he had secretly tape-recorded a plot by a pro-Boyd councillor to dig up dirt against a family member to discredit the Balance team - before belatedly admitting he had lied about the tape.

His tactics proved stunningly successful, with four new faces joining three former councillors, National Party heavyweight Warren Polglase and two of Boyd's former school mates turned fierce antagonists, Lynne Beck and Bob Brinsmead, securing a 7-4 majority for the Balance team.

Bedser gave evidence to a later inquiry – which found his tactics undermined the spirit if not the intent of the Electoral Funding Act – of 'passing the bucket around' at small but well-organised rallies – but

> The candidates were again branded as Independents and organised into separate tickets to take advantage of the preferencing rules and according to papers obtained by the inquiry 'the message to be sold is that (the candidates) are all independents' when in fact, Prof Daly found, they were effectively one party.

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turbulent era on the Tweed

investigations failed to identify the donors or the size of their donations.

A subsequent inquiry which revisited the affair found that possibly for the first time, Bedser had proved it was possible for one man to organise and provide funding to enable a group to get control of a council, to effectively 'buy' it.

With Beck securing the mayoralty and Brinsmead soon her deputy, the council's attitude to development changed virtually overnight, giving a green light to a massive coastal development at Casuarina to house 6000 residents, followed by the $220m Salt development next door and the Seabreeze estate at Pottsville.

The former council had also approved some major projects, including the 1700-lot Cobaki Lakes development and the Koala Beach Estate, but this new can-do style of leadership upset even Bedser as well as many ratepayers who polls showed were set to ditch the Balance Team in the 2004 elections.

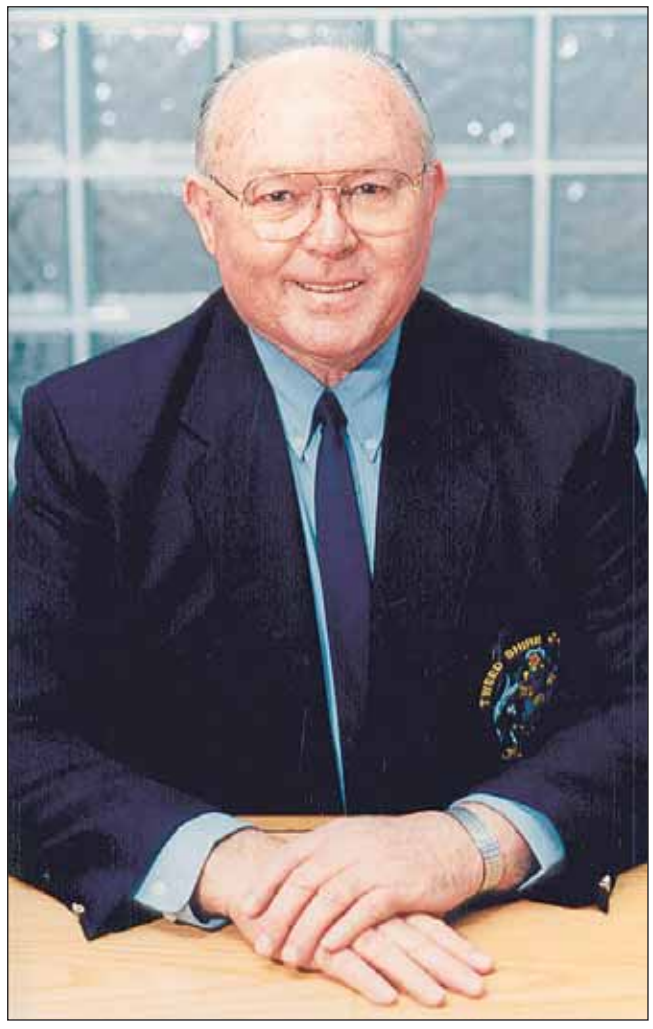
Revamping old model

It was time to rebuild the old model with some significant changes.

Professor Maurice Daly, who headed the final inquiry which resulted in the council's demise, found that local developer Alan Blundell and PR consultant Graeme Staerk controlled a secretive fundraising entity called Tweed Directions.

It raised a war chest of up to $633,000 from property heavyweights, with 70 per cent coming from developers outside the Tweed, and used it to mount the most expensive council campaign ever run in regional NSW.

The candidates were again branded as Independents and organised into separate tickets to take advantage of the preferencing rules and according to papers obtained by the inquiry 'the message to be sold is that [the candidates] are all independents' when in fact, Prof Daly found, they were effectively one party.



Cr Max Boyd who is set to retire on Tuesday after 44 years in local government. He was appointed one of three administrators by the state government after it sacked the Council almost four years ago.

The big difference between this and the old model was that Tweed Directions, as well as funding the candidates, also ran a parallel media campaign to disparage the Boyd faction, branding them among other things as the Banana Party – (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anybody).

Prof Daly found it also supported another company, Tweed Community Vision, which backed an unsuccessful team headed by a Dr Wes Allen, a member of the wider Brinsmead family, who published a glossy newsletter 'meant to appear factual and unbiased.'

> Candidates selected and supported by Tweed Directions, while presenting themselves as Independents, were imposters, being puppets of Tweed Directions.

Six of the so-called Independents scraped in with a narrow majority, including Polglase, who was anointed mayor, along with now retired staunch loyalists, Beck and Brinsmead.

In his report, Prof Daly said Tweed Directions constructed a developer-funded campaign in a bid to secure a pro-development majority on the council.

'Candidates selected and supported by Tweed Directions, while presenting themselves as Independents, were imposters, being puppets of Tweed Directions,' he found.

Community 'lied to'

'Effectively they lied to the community. The successful candidates were elected under false pretences, based on a deliberate misrepresentation of the reality of their status.'

Ironically, details of the Bedser takeover only came to light following an earlier investigation of a complaint by Brinsmead that council's chief planner, David Broyd, was misusing his powers to stymie progress on the litigation-prone Kings Forest development, a proposed massive residential subdividion west of Kingscliff.

In the end the local government investigator, Robert Bulford, cleared Mr Broyd and planning staff but found Brinsmead and Beck were inappropriately close to developers and recommended that the Election Funding Authority take a closer look at the Bedser model.

Although both inquiries referred their findings to the ICAC and the Election Funding Authority for further investigation, no action has ever been taken against the individuals concerned, prompting them to claim they were victims of a political witch hunt.

One of the more vocal critics, Warren Polglase, lashed out at Prof Daly, saying he was acting under directions and Boyd's appointment as one of three administrators after the sacking smacked of political interference.

Boyd, who will retire after 44 years in local government on the Tweed, has had little to say, perhaps because his appointment gave him the opportunity to have a final say when he felt it counted the most.

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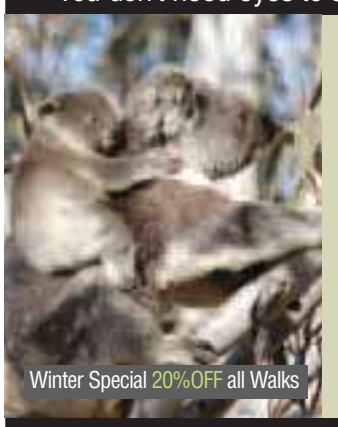
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Murwillumbah lamingtons Africa bound

Madeleine Doherty

Love, sweat and lamingtons are forging friendships as two Murwillumbah women put their shoulders to the mill raising funds for a school in Tanzania.

For the last three years Murwillumbah's Wendy Watson and Narelle Higgins have been pounding the pavements selling raffle tickets and lamingtons to help build a secondary school in Ugele, a remote, poor village in the highlands of Tanzania.

The idea came to fruition while the two women were on a trip to Tanzania with Tweed's Friendship Force in 2005. Friendship Force, an international group, works towards peace by making friends around the world.

While visiting Tanzania Wendy and Narelle lived with local families where they discovered that only three percent of the population had the chance to get a secondary education.

Keen to support the Tanzanians the women set about fundraising back in the Tweed with the first fruits of their labour raising $1000. They thought they had done their bit until they received photos from Tanzania.

'With that $1000 the Tanzanians hired three trucks for three days. They worked non-stop, 24 hours every day collecting rocks to build the foundations for the school.

'When we saw the photos of the old trucks and the men working so hard I knew had to keep going,' Wendy said.

So far the women have raised $40,000 for the first phase that has translated into a block of four classrooms.

'All the bricks for the buildings have been hand-made with the local men and women pitching in to do the hard yakka of digging, carrying and constructing.'

The secondary school will cater to 240 students while the next stage, a dormitory, will be home to many students from outlying areas.

While the Tanzanians are busy building the women are pulling in the much needed dollars.

Last week the *Tweed Shire Echo* caught up with Narelle and Wendy as they loaded their cars with 160 dozen lamingtons before heading off on the delivery round.

What seemed like a simple idea at the time has evolved into a neverending job, Wendy admitted.

'I fell in love with Tanzania and its people. Now I'm committed to helping,' she said.

There are more fundraising events planned, including a film night in Murwillumbah, while a long-term venture to encourage people to volunteer their holidays to work in Tanzania is in the pipeline. For more information phone Wendy on 02 6672 1024.

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Groups unite to fight Crown coastal reserve draft plan

Community groups at this public meeting at Kingscliff Amenities Hall last Thursday voiced their opposition to various proposals in a draft Crown reserve management plan.

Luis Feliu

It may be just a 'draft' Crown reserve plan, but community groups in the Tweed suspect many of its proposals are already set in concrete and are vowing to oppose it all the way.

Members of the groups decided to unite in their fight against the draft plan which they rejected formally at a public meeting last Thursday night in Kingscliff and have launched a campaign and petition.

The meeting was called to discuss concerns over the state government's Draft Plan of Management for the Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve, prepared by the Department of Lands, which incorporates all coastal reserves from Point Danger to Wooyung, the Tweed River, coastal creeks and the bed of the South Pacific to the State Territorial limit.

The draft plan, according to the state government, aims to 'protect environmental and cultural values, enhance and encourage public use and access as well as improve social and recreational opportunities for the reserve.'

The plan was put on public exhibition for a month but, after a public outcry about the brief time frame for input and lack of consultation, was extended by Lands Minister Tony Kelly till September 19.

The plan looks at key development opportunities on Crown land on the coast including Jack Evans Boat Harbour and Fingal to help manage and maintain the coastal Crown reserve and claims $3 million is needed to maintain it.

Around 100 local residents turned out for the meeting, called by Tweed MP Geoff Provest, including ratepayer, action and environmental groups.

Katie Milne, the Greens candidate for the September 13 council election, a self-titled 'river defender', criticised the plan's four proposed marine developments for the Tweed River alone.

'It's questionable whether Tweed people want more boating on the river,' said Ms Milne, who campaigned successfully against a planned 115-berth marina at Chinderah Bay recently which was overturned in the Land and Environment Court.

'This plan has so many issues wrong with it, it needs rewriting, starting with community and not from the top down.

'We'd like to see (Tweed Shire) Council coordinate it, not the state government.'

Caldera Environment Centre coordinator Paul Hopkins told the meeting it was 'amazing' that not only were there no community representatives on the plan's project reference group, but no fisheries department representative despite the large number of coastal and river systems covered by the plan.

'There isn't a reference either on global warming, or rising sea levels... or even a mention of Aboriginal land rights in this document,' Mr Hopkins said.

'It's very loose and vague and not at all a plan,' the qualified town planner said.

'I suspect it's a blatant attempt to raise money for the government,' he said.

'When I came to the Tweed 30 years ago, Kingscliff and the Tweed coast was a place where farmers retired to and families had holidays, but now none of us can afford to go to the resorts there... ordinary people can't recreate in their own backyard... so we should fight for it.'

The beachfront Crown reserve known as Lot 490 also came under focus.

The south Kingscliff project, which residents said they were led to believe years ago would be developed as a low-key, eco-friendly, family-style holiday park, has a history of conflict between resident/environmental wishes and developer interests culminating in a state government intervention several years ago which wrestled control of the land from the then council.

Kingscliff Ratepayer and Residents Association president Peter Gladwin said like others, he too was troubled with the draft plan's consultation process and felt the community had lost 'ownership' of the area's planning.

He said that given the initial 28-day period for public input, its proposals amounted to a 'fait accompli' and the draft had been sloppily prepapred.

Coastal Alliance spokesman Phil Arnott warned of anything in the plan which could whiff of 'the Gold Coast'.

'We're not the Gold Coast, we're the Tweed Coast, and if people want high-rise they'll go to the Gold Coast,' he said.

Residents and members of groups including Pottsville Community Association, Casuarina residents, Wooyung Action Group, Sustainable Village Alliance and Coastal Alliance as well as several council candidates attended or spoke at the meeting.

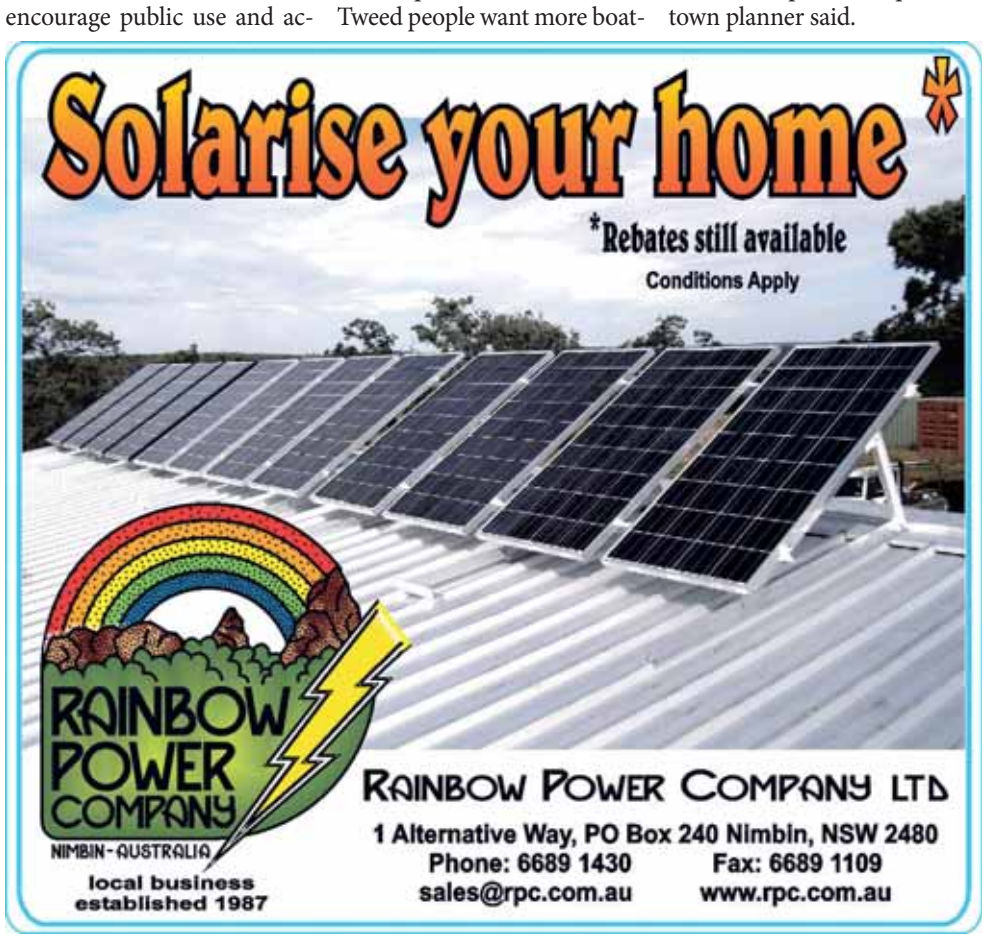
Stephanie Deane, from the Jack Evans Boat Harbour Group, said her group feared for the future of reserve land in the harbour shorefront and headland area including the Air Sea Rescue site.

To see the draft plan visit www.lands.nsw.gov.au or view it at the Department of Lands' Tweed Heads office on the ground floor, 145 Wharf Street or at Council offices in Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah.

Submissions can be sent to: Department of Lands, PO Box 272, Grafton NSW 2460 or emailed to CLWR.NorthCoast@lands.nsw.gov.au.

Mates rally for children's charity

Four longtime Murwillumbah mates (left-to-right) Tony Ryder, Mark Goodfellow, Ivan Butler and Rod Smith prepare to leave Murwillumbah aboard the 1979 VB Commodore they bought especially to take part in the annual Starlight Childrens Foundation trek, a major fundraising event for the children's charity. This year's trek, which started in Woolgoolga last week and ends at Murwilumbah's Riverview Hotel this Saturday afternoon (August 30) took in inland towns such as Tenterfield, Goondiwindi, Kingaroy, Hervey Bay and Bribie Island. The 'awesome foursome' have raised over $17,000 for the foundation from sponsors for the trek, way over what they expected. Rod said the crew paid out of their own pockets for all the running costs of the car.



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For love or money?

With local government election campaigns in full swing across the state you have to ask yourself what's the incentive to run for local political office when, apart from the mayor's job, it hardly pays.

When you consider the meagre annual salary which six of the seven soon-to-be-elected Tweed Shire councillors will get for the job – around $15,000 per year – why on earth would anyone want the high-profile public job?

Councillors have to attend plenty of regular meetings and workshops and, if they're dedicated, have enormous amounts of committee work, reading, researching and learning to do on the job. Even with minor reimbursements for phone calls and travel, a councillor's income is a pittance for a job that is largely thankless with some highlights and satisfying moments.

With this in mind, what sort of person are we encouraging to stand for local government?

Take a snapshot of the composition of many regional councils on the Far North Coast and you'll get the picture – plenty of grey-haired old men is the norm. There's not many women or young people to be seen representing their communities because they're either too busy pursuing their own careers or looking for a full-time job.

So what drives people to run for council?

Party platforms such as the Greens', which elevates environmental protection and sustainability as its main concerns, draw plenty of younger people concerned about their local and wider communities' future.

Other party-political aspirants or non-aligned individuals also have their reasons to run for office but you have to wonder whether it's something else motivating them.

Self interest perhaps? Sure, many candidates have an agenda they want to pursue, which is their right, as long as they don't have a conflict of interest and declare their pecuniary concerns.

Some candidates for the Tweed election have already come under the media spotlight for their direct links with proposed multi-million-dollar developments or rezoning proposals which could reap millions of dollars. Sure, if they are elected they legally can't vote on those proposals because of their pecuniary interest.

But being a councillor gives them the very best platform from which to push for them, behind the scenes, with the old horse-trading that goes on, such as 'you vote for my agenda item and I'll vote for yours'. So can you really expect them to devote the same effort to other issues facing the shire? Maybe, but transparency could suffer as a result.

– Luis Feliu, Editor

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Rudd dives into the Pacific forum

Kevin Rudd has rightly been accused of sometimes inflating the idea of Australia's importance in the world. His plans for a new Asian order, for instance, seem a trifle ambitious for an underpopulated island sitting on the southern fringe. But last week he was unequivocally right: Australia is undeniably the biggest fish in the South Pacific and is entitled and obliged to take leadership in the area.

In practice this has not always been the case: the smaller island nations have often found Australia to be overbearing and aloof, and have turned to New Zealand for a more sympathetic response to the region's problems.

This was particularly true during the last decade: John Howard seldom bothered to attend the South Pacific Forum, and apart from the occasional initiative like the police intervention in the Solomons regarded the Pacific as an inconveniently large stretch of water separating him from the United States.

True, it had its uses: a couple of bankrupt and slightly corrupt clients could be bribed to provide dumping grounds for asylum seekers, giving rise to the absurdly named Pacific Solution. But this was symbolic of the contempt in which Howard held the island states.

His flat refusal to even consider their request for shelter should the predicted rise in sea level submerge some of their present homelands made it clear that he saw no real role for Australia beyond that of occasional bully. Thus Rudd's whole-hearted participation in the Niue forum was welcomed as much for the long-overdue change of direction as for the actual achievements.

Not that the achievements were insubstantial; Rudd's tactful guidance of the Forum towards a hard line on Fiji suggests that in his time in Foreign Affairs he must have been an outstanding diplomat. But it was his announcement of the guest worker scheme, by which Islanders will be invited to fill vacant seasonal jobs in the rural sector, which really caught the imagination. For the Islanders, this was a turnaround akin to ending the White Australia policy.

Alexander Downer belatedly revealed that he had actually proposed such a scheme to Howard, but Howard had turned him down flat, basically because he was afraid of a Pauline Hanson-style backlash. Any suggestion that shaky National Party seats were being flooded by black people was to be avoided at all costs. The only way Islanders were going to get residence in Australia during the Howard years was if they were exceptionally good at football.

This rejection reflected Howard's underlying racism, but it is true that, where Islander workers are concerned, Australia has an historical image problem. The Australian sugar industry was built largely through what was known as blackbirding: entrepreneurs would find an unscrupulous shipmaster and sail empty to the islands. They would then lure the inhabitants aboard with food and trinkets, and take off. On arrival back in Australia the kidnapped victims would be met by plantation owners who would offer to look after them; effectively they became slave labour.

The practice ended not through any moral compunction, but because the Kanakas, as they were called, were seen to be depressing wages and conditions for white workers and taking their jobs during the great depression of the 1890s. It was major issue at the time of federation and led to the adoption of the White Australia policy.

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>
> **by Mungo MacCallum**

Over a century later the sordid tale has generally been forgotten, but as Downer noted, there still might be something a bit iffy about the picture of imported darkies toiling in the fields while the white master sipped a mint julep on the veranda of the homestead. Nonetheless the Australian growers were desperate for seasonal workers and the Islanders were queuing up to get on the list. It looked like a win-win situation – until the Aborigines complained.

Leading figures like Warren Mundine and Noel Pearson pointed out that there were very large numbers of Aborigines unemployed in rural areas; if there were jobs available, surely it they should go to the locals. And if there weren't enough locals where they were needed, then they could be bussed in; even if it meant bring them from Cape York to the Riverina, it had to be easier than hauling them half way across th Pacific.

Horticulturists and officials replied that this was all very well, but a lot of the unemployed locals, both black and white, simply didn't want seasonal work as crop pickers; those that did were snapped up as soon as they applied. The rest, for various reasons – cultural, family, or just personal preference – were content to remain on the dole. Then, said Mundine, they should be compelled to take the jobs, especially if they were young: Aborigines from 18 to 21 should be denied the dole altogether.

This discriminatory suggestion was unsurprisingly rejected by the government; after all, it amounted to a form of internal blackbirding. But it may well turn out that the mere presence of enthusiastic imported workers will tempt some of the locals to give it a try as well. It certainly won't keep them out of work; after all, the scheme is based on the premise that the jobs will only be offered to Islanders if it can be proved that Australians can not be found to fill them. Back to win-win.

And there is a useful spinoff: in the unlikely event that Howard's fear of a racist backlash had any foundation, the small seasonal influx will give white Australians a chance to adjust to the idea of Islanders in their midst. They'd better. There is now no real doubt that the seas will rise and that Australia will have to accept its share of the resulting climate refugees.

Rudd's Pacific Solution will be lot more humane than Howard's.

Former Canberra gallery journalist Mungo MacCallum lives on the north coast. His column on national affairs will appear each week in *The Echo*.

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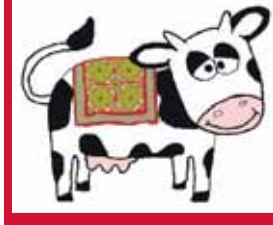

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Desperate premier has electrocuted himself

Writing in the journal *Printers' Ink* on March 10, 1927, pioneering adman Fred R Barnard observed: 'One picture is worth a thousand words', and over the years his observation has been verified time and again.

The photograph taken in Premier Morris Iemma's office on Level 41 of Sydney's Governor Macquarie Tower on Friday, August 22, was one of those 'it-says-it-all' snaps.

There was Iemma with former Labor premier Barrie Unsworth with grins as wide as the Harbour Bridge sitting around a table with the representatives of the State's big business:

David Elliott of the Civil Contractors Federation (the infrastructure lobby), Kevin McDonald and Nigel Blunden of Australian Business Limited, Patricia Forsythe from the City Chamber of Commerce, Chris Brown of the Tourism Transport Forum and Ken Morrison from the Property Council of Australia (the developers).

Elliott, who formerly worked for Liberal leader Peter Collins, ran the disgraceful 'No' campaign for the monarchists in the 1999 referendum; Blunden is an ex-Channel Nine Canberra reporter who has just completed a three-year stint working for federal Opposition leader Brendan Nelson; and Forsythe is a former upper house Liberal MP.

In other words, they are only gold-plated Liberals who are now earning a handsome living as spruikers and lobbyists for the private corporate world.

And why were they sitting around the table at a love-in with two Labor premiers? Answer: their mutual and desperate desire to secure the privatisation of the State's electricity industry.

For Iemma, it is a question of filling the Treasury war chest so that Labor can spend its way out of trouble and attempt to win the 2011 election, to make it four in a row or 20 years in office.

For big business, it is the prospect of earning massive fees from the sale at a time when the so-called Big End of Town is saturated with debt and million-dollar bonuses are harder to come by.

The photo told a story of a premier who feels perfectly at home with Liberals and big business representatives and they feel relaxed with him.

Indeed, he has appealed to the leader of the NSW Coalition, Mr Barry O'Farrell, to order his troops into the lobbies to support the government's legislation to sell off the publicly-owned power industry.

This is because Iemma's own party, the NSW Labor Party, voted by a seven-to-one majority against electricity privatisation at its annual conference in May and Unions NSW, the industrial arm of the ALP, is 100 per cent against the proposal.

In a surreal kind of way, Iemma is a Labor premier in name only. Ditto his government.

In reality, he and his Cabinet have split from the ALP and are now actively courting their avowed political enemies, the Liberals and Nationals, to push through their sell-off laws and keep their jobs.

The political facts of life are that no Labor premier can stay in office without the support of the ALP just as no Liberal premier could remain in the job if he/she didn't have Liberal Party backing.

That is why Iemma's short premiership has come effectively to an end. It is now mired in scandals, incompetence and internal power struggles.

The party's factional chieftains are actively discussing a change of leader before the next state election. It will be a bloody event which will also result in the exit of the volcanically unpredictable Treasurer Michael Costa and a raft of senior MPs who want to avoid the electoral bloodbath in March 2011.

Iemma won the 2007 election with the slogan, 'More to do but we're heading in the right direction.'

It's now painfully clear he took the wrong direction and there's nothing more he can do – except leave.

State of Affairs

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Crown jewels

The Tweed Coast Regional Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management is a money grabbing state-government plot which could allow beaches to be privatised.

Claims by Lands Minister Tony Kelly that 'there is no intention to sell Crown Land' are belied by the calling of expressions of interest for long-term lease of the current rowing club site for resort and marina development, even before the plan of management went on display. A consequence of this development will be the loss of the Boyds Bay Caravan Park estuarine swimming enclosure and the rowing club beaches from public use.

As Minister Kelly says, the plan is just the 'first step'. But may I suggest it's the first step in taking community lands from the people for the benefit of developers.

Ronni Hoskisson
Tweed Heads

Bird killers

As the seabird and waterbird coordinator of Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers, I have been called to Kennedy Drive in Tweed Heads to scrape dead and injured birds off the road. These birds did not die or get injured by accident. They were killed by the inhumane behaviour of humans who think that killing animals or watching them die in agony is fun.

These birds are being hit by cars after these cruel and irresponsible individuals entice the birds near to Kennedy Drive with food scraps and then deliberately throw the scraps onto the road in front of cars. The result is that several gulls and other birds have been killed or have been so badly injured that they have had to be euthanased. Not only do the birds suffer, but it is distressing for our group's volunteers who are called upon for assistance.

This behaviour is also dangerous. It is just a matter of time before an accident occurs when someone swerves to avoid hitting a bird. No doubt this would give a thrill to the people who are throwing the food, but it could very well cost someone their life.

Police are unable to act unless there is some kind of identification of the offenders.

We have also contacted Tweed Shire Council to erect a sign. Of course, if someone is stupid and uncaring enough to engage in this kind of behaviour, a sign probably will not be much of a deterrent. However, if it encourages members of the public to get descriptions, names, and number plates, and report the incident, this might have some effect.

In the meantime, we ask members of the public not to feed the wild birds – and not only in this location, but generally. We also urge anyone who sees any such incidents to take down as much information as possible and report it to police.

Mary Grant
TVWC Seabird Coordinator

Hospital woes

The more things change the more things remain the same.

While the response to the proposed downgrading of the Murwillumbah hospital by all sections of the community was remarkable, unfortunately, we don't think much will be achieved.

Governments of all persuasions, driven by bean counters, appear to be hell-bent on destroying the hospital. This goes back as far as the 1950s when the then hospital board wrote to the then Country Party (now National Party) member 'Stepper' Stephens seeking repairs to hospital equipment mainly the boiler. 'Stepper' was told that the hospital board had been trying for 15 years to get work done by the state government.

Now that the metropolitan media has published a detailed list of the 49 NSW hospitals which have either lost their birthing services or are under direct threat (Murwillumbah is on that list) a state-wide protest needs to be mounted.

If organisations across the state connected to the hospitals united in a joint attack on those determined to destroy the public hospitals, politicians just might take notice – particularly if it's their jobs under threat. Perhaps the Murwillumbah protest committee can lead the way. It's three years to the next state election so there's plenty of time to get organised.

Bob Dow
Murwillumbah

Excited 'extremist'

With the arrival of an independent publication into Murwillumbah, we might now see some objective, informative, non-parochial reportage echo throughout this increasingly Green Valley.

I hope my words here are not misconstrued as too 'extreme' by the likes of our (very) ex-mayor and those Usual Suspects justly removed from office, but still, tiresomely, unconvincingly, bleating 'We wuz robbed!'

This same mayor is on public record as declaring, in all faux-sincerity and apparent perplexity, that he found nothing wrong or 'inappropriate' with the idea of councillors accepting 'donations' from voracious and lawyer-protected land developers; those whose basic idea of 'communal benefit' is that they, and all their blank shareholders, will turn a top profit, even over protected environment.

And upholding the idea, by implication, that anyone who thinks otherwise is a scary 'extremist'. A word not uncalculated to 'go with' terrorist.

Those days are over, I think. Time to move on, even while these political dinosaurs refuse to realise they've rendered themselves as popular as any of the 'Nobody told me! I didn't know' Howard's old gang.

The prevailing desire of the inhabitants of the Tweed is clearly evident, no matter how other media downplays it. The vast and vocal majority would much rather prefer not to have tower blocks as per the Gold Coast.

Could anything be simple, or plainer? Or am I being too 'extreme'?

Norman Ingram
Tyalgum

Price hikes

I thought it bad when a year ago a major local supermarket jumped the gun raising fruit and vegetable prices 24 hours before the national media announced an imminent price rise for these products.

A few weeks ago a top name raisin bread which I regularly purchased for $3.99 suddenly bore a price tag announcing a 'sale price' exactly 20c higher than the normal price. Having kept all my store dockets since the fruit and vege heist I am able to prove that the 'normal price' of $4.49 was pure fiction.

I have shopped in Murwillumbah for more than 35 years, but only in the past few weeks have truly regretted my need to do so. I won't mention the store by name; they know who they are and what they're doing, whether for reasons of desperation, disinterest or higher profits.

Josie Flett
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Appealing Banana Festival

It's hats off to the Banana Festival committee for putting on what was undoubtedly the 'best ever' Banana Festival Parade last Saturday!

The sun shone, the crowds gathered as the bands struck up leading a vibrant and entertaining array of floats around the main streets of Murwillumbah before the crowds hit the showground for a day of fun.

The party has continued through the week with arts, sports and woodwork displays.

This Friday night the Medieval banquet will be held at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre from 7pm with the festival reaching its crescendo on Saturday with the Family Fiesta and Queen crowning.

A cavalcade of classic street rods will carry the Queen candidates leaving from Knox Park, Brisbane Street at 11.45am. It will travel along Main Street, into Tumbulgum Street where the girls will alight at the Civic Centre.

The action will get underway on Saturday at 9am with a baby show at the Autumn Club while the Criterium Cycle Race will head off at 9.30am from Queensland Road.

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Murwillumbah, the Monsignor and the Miracle

Madeleine Doherty

The Vatican's miracle investigator dropped into Murwillumbah this week.

Surprisingly, it wasn't to investigate the miracle of the Banana Festival!

The investigator, Monsignor Giacomo Pappalardo, had just finished his investigations into the third miracle – the clincher for Mary McKillop's elevation to sainthood – and was in town to visit family from the old country.

While visiting, Monsignor Giacomo lunched on Tuesday with Murwillumbah's Catholic Parish priest, Father David Gilbey.

Although Father David is not prone to asking too many questions, he did manage to get the inside running on the state of play for Australia's first universally recognised saint-in-waiting, Mary McKillop.

Not wanting to get ahead of the game or let the cat out of the bag Fr David considered his words.

'Unofficially it's looking very good. No. You can say it's looking extremely good,' Fr David was happy to report exclusively to the *Tweed Shire Echo*.

He was keen to stress that this was not just a big deal for Australian Catholics.

'It's exciting for all Australians as we will soon have Australian's first universally recognised saint,' he said.

And it's no easy task to become a saint particularly when you're a sheila with an attitude problem.

It takes years and years of research and proof and then the Vatican sends its team of expert miracle busters in to go over the evidence with a fine-toothcomb.

> And it's no easy task to become a saint particularly when you're a sheila with an attitude problem.

In order to be elevated to sainthood, three miracles that can't be explained medically are needed.

The first miracle that the Vatican launched a judicial inquiry into was the case of an Australian woman who claims to have been cured of inoperable lung cancer in 1993 through the intercession of saint-in-waiting Mary McKillop.

Two doctors examined the case for evidence of a second miracle needed for sainthood. The first miracle, which led to the beatification of Mary McKillop, was the cure of another woman of leukemia in 1961. In 1995 Pope John Paul beatified Mary McKillop, earning her the title of Blessed (Mother) Mary.

The latest development is the closest the Josephite order, which Mary McKillop founded, has come to meeting the requirement for a documented second miracle.

And the third miracle? Well that's a mystery and Father David was not able to reveal the details. But happily Monsignor Giacomo has the goods in his bag as he wings his way back to Rome where he will give his findings to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for a thorough going over.

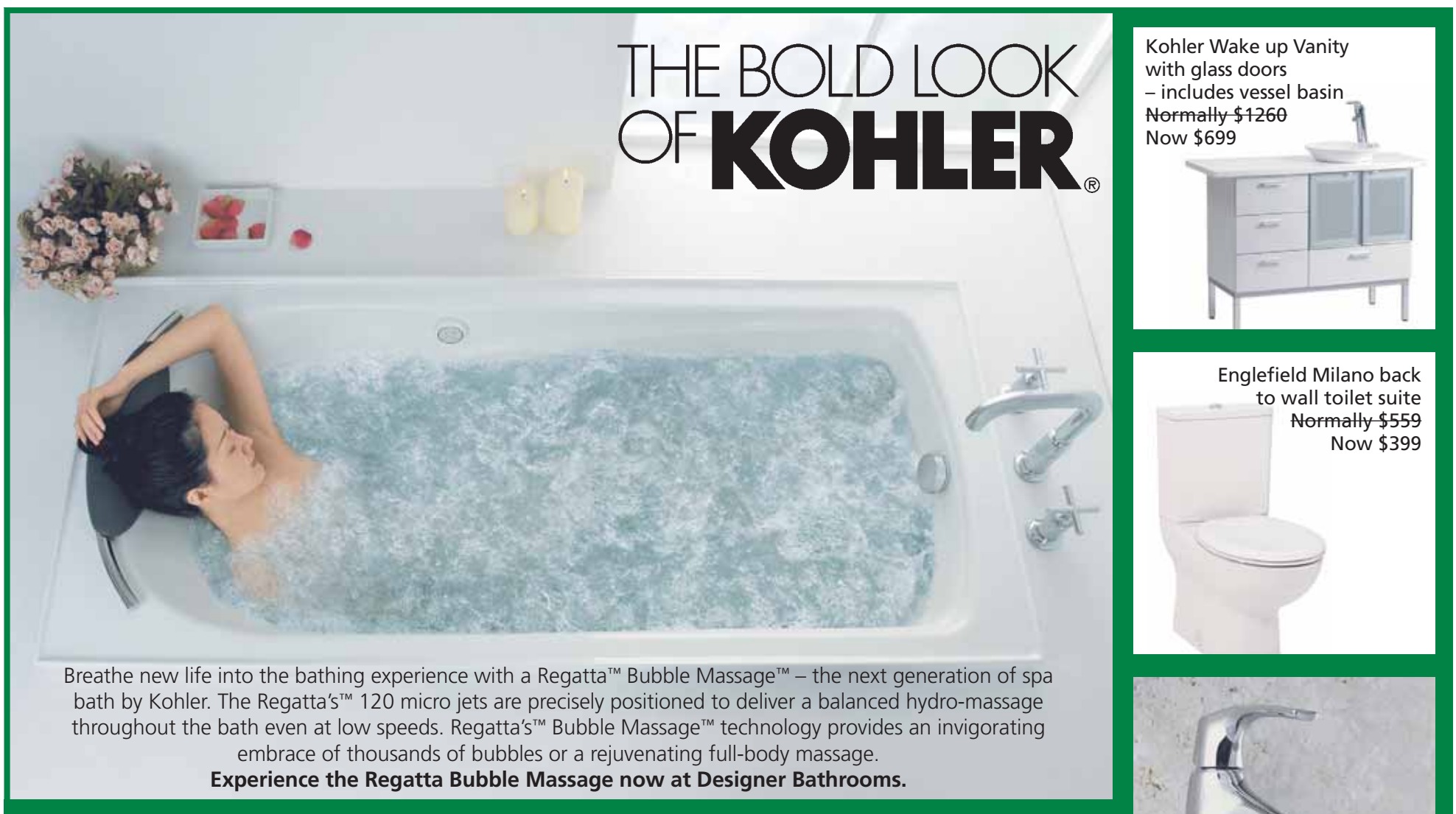
Fingers crossed, Australia's rebel with a cause, will become Saint Mary McKillop on the 100th anniversary of her death on August 8, 2009.

Mary McKillop was known as a rebel, a saint, and a troublemaker. She worked tirelessly for the poor. Born in Melbourne in 1842 Mary McKillop rubbed the Catholic Church authorities up the wrong way refusing to go against what she believed. As a result she was excommunicated (thrown out) for insubordination but was later allowed back into the church.

She established the Sisters of St Joseph in South Australia in 1866 and the order of nuns grew rapidly. In 1883, Mary came into conflict with the Roman Catholic Church establishment again by insisting on an egalitarian rather than hierarchical organisation. She was ordered to leave the diocese by the bishop and Mary transferred the headquarters of the Josephites to Sydney where she died on August 8, 1909. Mary never became bitter against the Church leaders that had opposed her. This forgiving attitude was complemented by the outstanding work of the congregation. Protestants, as well as Catholics, loudly praised her charity to the poor, her personal poverty, and her abstinence from proselytising. In 1973 she became the first Australian to be formally proposed to Rome as a candidate for canonisation and she was beatified by Pope John Paul II at St Francis' Church on November 27, 1994.

Calling all cartoonists

We're trying to spot a home-grown cartoon artist for *The Echo*. If you live in the Tweed Shire and would like to apply, send your details and work samples to editor@tweedecho.com.au.



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Television Guide

Plenty to watch on Saturday night. If **AFL** (Ten 7.30pm) doesn't do it for you while you wait for the **South Africa vs Australia** Tri-Nations match (Prime 10.40pm), there's the superhero movie **Spiderman** (NBN 8.30pm or the supersilly **Scary Movie 4** (Prime 9pm). And still on Saturday:

1. If you've got the set-top digital TV box you can watch Ian McKellan play the last days of veteran Hollywood director James Whale, supported by Brendan Fraser as his love interest, in **Gods and Monsters** (ABC2 8.30pm).

2. The Star Wars finale, **The Return of the Jedi** (Ten, 10.30pm), could be a rugby replacement, although the second half of the movie falls away after the escape from Jabba the Hutt.

3. Alternatively, SBS at 10pm screens a documentary **Leonard Cohen I'm Your Man** about the mournful muso.

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FRIDAY 29

ABC1
- 4.30 **GP** (PG) Repeat.
- 5.30 **Strictly Dancing** (G) Repeat.
- 6.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 11.00 **The Lion Man** (G) Repeat.
- 11.25 **Aussie Animal Rescue** (G) Repeat.
- 12.00 **Midday Report**
- 12.30 **Rewind** (PG) Repeat.
- 1.30 **Spicks And Specks** (PG) Repeat.
- 2.00 **The Private Life Of A Masterpiece**
- 3.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 4.50 **RollerCoaster**
- 6.00 **Message Stick** Repeat.
- 6.30 **Can We Help?** (G)
- 7.00 **ABC News**
- 7.30 **Stateline**
- 8.00 **Collectors** (G)
- 8.30 **Agatha Christie** (M*,v) Final.
- 10.05 **We Can Be Heroes: Finding The Australian Of The Year** (M*,cl) Final.
- 10.35 **Lateline**
- 11.20 **Double The Fist** (M* v) Repeat.
- 11.45 **triple j tv** Repeat.
- 12.15 **Good Game** Repeat.
- 12.45 **rage** (M) goes on until 5am Saturday.

ABC2
- 7.00 **Lateline** Repeat.
- 7.35 **Lateline Business** Repeat.
- 8.00 **ABC Fora**
- 9.00 **Asia Pacific News**
- 9.30 **The 7.30 Report** Repeat.
- 10.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 4.30 **The New Inventors** (G) Repeat.
- 5.00 **7.30 Select**
- 5.35 **Catalyst** (G) Repeat.
- 6.00 **Compass: Out Of Darkness** (G) Repeat.
- 6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
- 7.30 **Something In The Air** (G) Repeat.
- 8.00 **Father Ted** (PG) Repeat.
- 8.30 **Songbook** (G)
- 9.15 **Creature Comforts** (G) Repeat.
- 9.30 **The Graham Norton Show** (PG)
- 10.00 **Classic Albums: Pink Floyd – Dark Side Of The Moon** (M) Repeat.
- 10.30 **Alice Cooper: Prime Cuts** (G) Repeat.
- 11.50 **Close**

SBS
- 5.20 **World News** in various languages.
- 1.00 **The Food Lovers' Guide To Australia** (G) Repeat.
- 1.30 **Insight**
- 2.30 **The Great Fever** (PG) Repeat doco on yellow fever.
- 3.30 **Living Black**
- 4.00 **The Journal**
- 4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
- 5.30 **Rough Science: Photo** (G) Doco series on scientists-without-labs.
- 6.00 **Global Village**: Jungle Inn/ Stave Church of Urnes-Norway. Repeat.
- 6.30 **World News Australia**
- 7.30 **Black Coffee: The Irresistible Bean** (PG) Part 1of 3 doco series. Repeat.
- 8.30 **As It Happened: Nixon – The Man You Loved To Hate** (G)
- 9.30 **World News Australia**
- 10.05 **Matrioshki: Thai Sex Trade** (MA,v) New drama series.
- 11.05 **Movie: Human Touch** (MA,cl,n,s, 2004) Stars Jacqueline McKenzie, Chris Haywood, Aden Young.
- 12.50 **Movie: In The Battlefields** (M,cl,s,a, 2004) Drama from Lebanon.
- 2.30 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
- 6.00 **Sunrise**
- 9.00 **The Morning Show** (PG)
- 11.00 **Raggs** pre-schoolers show.
- 11.30 **Seven News**
- 12.00 **Movie: Romancing The Stone** (M,v, 1984) Stars Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny Devito.
- 2.30 **Discover Tasmania** (G)
- 3.00 **Masterchef Goes Large** (G)
- 3.40 **Fast Ed's Fast Food** (G)
- 4.00 **It's Academic**
- 4.30 **Seven News**
- 5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
- 5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
- 6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
- 7.00 **Home And Away** (PG,v,a)
- 7.30 **Better Homes And Gardens** (G)
- 8.30 **Movie: The Count Of Monte Cristo** (M,v, 2002) Guy Pearce, Richard Harris
- 10.30 **AFL Premiership Season 2008** Round 22: Fremantle vs Collingwood
- 1.30 **Expo and Guthy Renker**

Seven Qld program same as above except: **6.30** Today Tonight **11.30** News **11.50** Movie: The Learning Curve (AV,cl,d, 2001) **2.00** Expo & Guthy Renker

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- 6.00 **Ten Early News**
- 7.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 8.30 **Puzzle Play**
- 9.00 **9am With David & Kim** (PG)
- 11.00 **Ten News**
- 12.00 **Dr Phil** (M)
- 1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
- 2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
- 3.00 **Infomercial**
- 3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
- 4.00 **Animalia**
- 4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
- 5.00 **Ten News**
- 6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
- 6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
- 7.00 **Friends** (PG) Repeat.
- 7.30 **Australian Idol Auditions** (PG)
- 8.30 **Movie: American Dreamz** (PG,cl,v,sr, 2006) Stars Hugh Grant, Mandy Moore, Chris Klein.
- 10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
- 11.40 **Late Show With David Letterman**
- 12.30 **Movie: Night Watch (**AV15+, 2006) Stars Konstantin Khabensky, Vladimir Menshov, Galina Tyunina.
- 2.30 **Infomercials**
- 4.00 **Queer Eye For the Straight Guy** (PG) Repeat.
- 5.00 **Religion**

NBN
- 5.30 **Today**
- 9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne** (PG)
- 11.00 **Danoz and Guthy-Renker** (G)
- 12.00 **Movie: Eulogy** (M,cl, 2004) Stars Hank Azaria, Kelly Preston.
- 2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
- 3.00 **Fresh Cooking**
- 3.30 **Hi-5**
- 4.00 **The Shak** Repeat.
- 4.30 **National News**
- 5.00 **Antiques Roadshow** (G) Repeat.
- 6.00 **Evening News**
- 7.00 **A Current Affair**
- 7.30 **Live Friday Night Football** West Tigers vs Cronulla Sharks.
- 9.30 **Friday Night Football** Sydney Roosters vs Sth Sydney Rabbitohs.
- 11.30 **Movie: Assassins** (M,v, 1995) Stars Sylvester Stallone, Julianne Moore.
- 2.00 **Movie: Shopping** (MA15+,v,1994) Stars Sadie Frost, Jude Law.
- 4.00 **Guthy-Renker**
- 4.30 **Good Morning America**

SATURDAY 30

ABC1
- 5.00 **rage** (PG)
- 8.00 **rage: Guest Programmer: Bonde Do Role** (G)
- 9.00 **triple j tv With The Doctor**
- 10.00 **Soul Deep: The Story Of Black Popular Music** (PG) Repeat.
- 11.00 **Totally Frank** (PG)
- 11.30 **The Cook And The Chef** Repeat.
- 12.00 **Stateline** Repeat.
- 12.30 **Australian Story** Repeat.
- 1.00 **Foreign Correspondent** Repeat.
- 1.30 **Can We Help?** (G) Repeat.
- 2.00 **Love Is In The Air** (PG) Repeat.
- 3.00 **Rugby Union: Shute Shield 2008**
- 5.00 **Bowls: Queensland Open 2008**
- 6.00 **My Family** (PG) Repeat.
- 6.30 **Gardening Australia** (G)
- 7.00 **ABC News**
- 7.30 **Wild At Heart** (PG)
- 8.15 **Collectors** (G)
- 8.25 **ABC News**
- 8.30 **The Bill** (M*,v)
- 10.05 **ABC News**
- 10.10 **Silent Witness** (M*,v) Repeat.
- 11.55 **rage** (M)

ABC2
- 7.00 **Kid's Programs**
- 2.30 **Blue Water High** (G) Repeat.
- 2.50 **Ace Day Jobs** (G) Repeat.
- 3.00 **rage** (G) Repeat.
- 5.00 **rage: Guest Programmer: Bonde Do Role** (G) Repeat.
- 6.05 **The New Inventors** (G) Repeat.
- 6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
- 7.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G) Repeat.
- 8.00 **At The Movies** Repeat.
- 8.30 **Movie: Gods And Monsters** (M*,at,cl,s 2000) Stars Ian McKellen, Brendan Fraser, Lynn Redgrave.
- 10.10 **Movie: Love This Time** (G, 2006) Stars Joey Coly-Sowry, Keanu Quaresma.
- 10.30 **Movie: Casbah** (PG, 1948) Stars Peter Lorre, Tony Martin.
- 11.50 **Close**

SBS
- 4.30 **UEFA Super Cup 2008** Manchester United vs FC Zenit Saint Petersburg.
- 7.00 **World News** in various languages.
- 1.00 **Masterpiece: Anna Netrebko & Rolando Billazon In Paris** (G) From Germany.
- 2.40 **Masterpiece: Karajan Or Beauty As I See It** (PG) Doco from Germany.
- 3.55 **Masterpiece: Living With The Future** (G) Modern houses.
- 4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
- 5.30 **Lonely Planet Six Degrees – Dublin** (G) Repeat doco series.
- 6.30 **World News Australia**
- 7.30 **Mythbusters** (G) New series.
- 8.30 **Iron Chef** (M,cl) New series.
- 9.20 **RocKwiz** (M,cl) New series.
- 10.00 **Leonard Cohen I'm Your Man** (M,cl) music doco.
- 11.45 **SOS** (M)
- 12.50 **Newstopia** (M,cl) Comedy series.
- 1.20 **Life Support** (M,cl,s) Repeat.
- 1.50 **Drawn Together** (MA,s) Animated comedy series. Repeat.
- 2.15 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
- 6.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 1.00 **V8 Extra**
- 1.30 **Motorsport** (G) Fujitsu series.
- 2.40 **Eclipse** (PG) Music news.
- 3.40 **Scrubs** (PG) Repeat.
- 4.10 **Keeping Up Appearances** (G) Comedy. Repeat.
- 5.30 **Sydney Weekender** (G)
- 6.00 **Seven News**
- 6.30 **Movie: The Incredibles** (PG,v,a 2004) Animated Disney comedy.
- 9.00 **Movie: Scary Movie 4** (M,v,s,cl, 2006) Stars Anna Faris, Craig Bierko.
- 10.40 **Rugby Tri-Nations: South Africa vs Australia**
- 1.00 **Billy Connolly's World Tour Of New Zealand** (M,cl,n,s) Repeat.
- 2.00 **Danoz , Expo and Guthy Renker**

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Prime HD program same as above except: **3.30** Gear **4.00** Mercurio's Menu **4.30** Coxy's Big Break **5.00** Better Homes And Gardens **3.35** The Great Outdoors

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- 6.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 8.30 **Video Hits First** (G)
- 10.00 **Video Hits** (PG)
- 12.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
- 1.00 **River To Reef** (PG) Repeat.
- 1.30 **Hook Line & Sinker** (PG) Repeat.
- 2.00 **AFL – Round 22** Geelong vs West Coast. Live.
- 5.00 **Ten News With Sports Tonight**
- 6.00 **The Simpsons** (PG) Repeat.
- 6.30 **Ice Road Truckers** (PG) Canada.
- 7.30 **AFL – Round 22** Sydney vs Brisbane Lions. Live.
- 10.30 **Movie: Star Wars, Episode VI – Return Of The Jedi** (PG,v, 1983) Stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher.
- 12.55 **Infomercials**
- 2.55 **Video Hits Up-Late** (PG) Repeat.
- 3.00 **Infomercials**
- 4.00 **Religion**

Ten Qld program same as above except: **1.00** Hook Line & Sinker **1.30** Totally Footy **6.00** The Simpsons Hour **7.00** AFL Round 22 **10.00** Movie: Star Wars: Episode VI (PG,cl) **12.15** Crime Files **1.25** Infomercials

NBN
- 6.00 **Infomercials** (G)
- 7.30 **Kid's Programs**
- 10.00 **Top End Cricket Tour** Australia vs Bangladesh. Live.
- 1.30 **The Snow Show** (G)
- 2.00 **Top End Cricket Tour** Australia vs Bangladesh. Live.
- 6.00 **Evening News**
- 6.30 **Funniest Home Video Show** (G)
- 7.30 **Wipeout** (PG)
- 8.30 **Movie: Spiderman** (M,v, 2002) Stars Tobey Macguire, Kirsten Dunst.
- 8.40 **Saturday Lotto**
- 11.00 **Movie: Swordfish** (M,v,cl, 2001) Stars John Travolta, Hugh Jackman.
- 1.00 **Movie: Beetlejuice** (M,cl,h, 1988) Stars Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin.
- 2.50 **Mad TV** (M)
- 3.50 **Newton Faulkner** (PG) Repeat.
- 4.00 **Danoz and Guthy-Renker**

SUNDAY 31

ABC1
- 5.00 **rage**
- 6.30 **Kids' Programs**
- 9.00 **Insiders And Inside Business**
- 10.30 **Offsiders**
- 11.00 **Asia Pacific Focus**
- 11.30 **Songs Of Praise** (G)
- 12.00 **Landline**
- 1.00 **Gardening Australia** (G) Repeat**.**
- 1.30 **Message Stick** (G)
- 2.00 **Hannibal: Enemy Of Rome** (PG) Final
- 3.00 **Fantastic Mr Dahl** (PG) Repeat.
- 4.05 **Sting: Songs From The Labyrinth**
- 5.00 **Sunday Arts**
- 6.00 **At The Movies** Repeat.
- 6.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G) Quiz show.
- 7.00 **ABC News**
- 7.30 **Doctor Who** (PG)
- 8.30 **ABC News Update**
- 8.35 **Midsomer Murders** (M*,v,s)
- 10.10 **Compass: More Than The 3R's** (G)
- 10.50 **Rafael Kubelik: Music Is My Country** (G) Repeat.
- 12.10 **Order In The House**
- 1.10 **Movie: That's Right, You're Wrong** (G, 1939) Stars Kay Kyser, Lucille Ball, Adolphe Menjou.
- 2.50 **Movie: Dangerous Corner** (PG, 1935) Stars Melvyn Douglas, Conrad Nagel
- 3.55 **Hymns Of Glory** (G) Repeat.

ABC2
- 7.00 **Pop[b]session: Killing Me Softly** (G) Final.
- 8.00 **Studio 22: Kevin Borich** (G) Repeat.
- 8.30 **Roy Orbison: Greatest Hits**
- 9.30 **Classic Albums: The Grateful Dead** (G) Repeat.
- 10.30 **triple j tv With The Doctor** Repeat.
- 11.30 **triple j tv presents Powderfinger** (PG) Repeat.
- 12.00 **London Live** (G) Music. Repeat.
- 12.30 **Red Dwarf** (PG) double episode.
- 1.30 **Planet Rock Profiles: Alicia Keys**
- 2.00 **Fatboy Slim And The Chemical Brothers** (G) Repeat.
- 2.45 **Gorillaz: Demons Days Live** (PG)
- 4.00 **Freddy Mercury: The Tribute Concert** (G) Repeat.
- 5.00 **Falcon Beach** (PG) Repeat.
- 5.45 **A Little Later: Manic Street Preachers** (G) Repeat.
- 6.00 **London Live** (PG) Music. Repeat.
- 6.30 **Friends For Dinner: Raymond Blanc** (G) Repeat.
- 7.00 **Artscape: MREAM Studios** (G)
- 7.30 **Sunday Arts** Repeat.
- 8.30 **Young Performers Awards 2007**
- 9.30 **The Passion Of Gina Sinozich** (G)
- 10.00 **Thursday's Fictions** (PG)
- 10.50 **Close**

SBS
- 6.10 **World News** in various languages.
- 7.15 **Cycling: La Vuelta 2008** Update.
- 7.30 **World News** in various languages
- 10.00 **Dateline**
- 11.00 **2008 UCI Junior Championships**
- 12.00 **National Road Team Series** Cycling
- 12.30 **World Superbike Championships**
- 1.00 **Speedweek**
- 2.00 **FIA World Rally Championship '08**
- 3.00 **Football Stars Of Tomorrow** Repeat
- 3.30 **FIFA Futbol Mundial** Sport.
- 4.00 **Les Murray's Football Feature: UEF Super Cup 2008**
- 6.00 **Australian Biography: David Williamson** (PG)
- 6.30 **World News Australia**
- 7.30 **Who Do You Think You Are? – Matthew Pinset**
- 8.35 **James May's 20th Century** (G) Part 2 of 6. Technological advances.
- 9.10 **Movie: The Home Song Stories** (M,s,a,v, 2007) Stars Joan Chen, Joel Lok, Irene Chen.
- 11.00 **Movie: My Children Are Different** (PG, 2003) Drama from France.
- 12.30 **Swordsmen Of The Passes** (PG) Repeat.
- 2.00 **Weatherwatch Overnight**

PRIME
- 6.00 **Religion**
- 6.30 **Home Shopping**
- 7.00 **Blinky Bill's Around The World Adventures** Repeat.
- 7.30 **Weekend Sunrise**
- 10.00 **AFL Game Day** (PG)
- 11.00 **Lived To Tell The Tale** (PG) Munich Air Crash. Repeat.
- 12.00 **Movie: Man Of The House** (G, 1995) Stars Chevy Chase, Farrah Fawcett, Jonathon Taylor Thomas.
- 2.00 **AFL Premiership Season 2008** Round 22: Melbourne vs Richmond
- 5.00 **What Not To Wear** (PG) New episodes.
- 6.00 **Seven News**
- 6.30 **The Outdoor Room With Jamie Durie: Italy** (G) new series on garden makeovers.
- 7.30 **Dancing WIth The Stars** (G) Series premier.
- 9.45 **Criminal Minds** (M)
- 10.45 **Borderline** (PG)
- 11.15 **Seconds From Disaster** (PG) New episode.
- 12.15 **Movie: Undertow** (M, 2004) Stars Josh Lucas, Jamie Bell, Eddie Rouse.
- 2.30 **Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker**

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- 6.00 **Religion**
- 7.00 **Kids' Programs**
- 8.00 **Meet The Press**
- 8.30 **State Focus**
- 9.00 **Video Hits First** (G)
- 10.00 **Video Hits** (PG)
- 11.30 **Video Hits Presents: The Godfathers Of Rap** (PG)
- 12.00 **I Fish** (G)
- 1.00 **RPM** Motorsport.
- 2.00 **Hunter Hunted** (PG,a) Repeat.
- 3.00 **Weighing In** (G) kids' weight issues.
- 4.00 **Journeys To The Ends Of The Earth** (G) doco series on disappearing cultures.
- 5.00 **Ten News With Sports Tonight**
- 6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
- 6.30 **Thank God You're Here** (PG) Repeat
- 7.30 **Australian Idol** (PG)
- 9.30 **Rove** (M)
- 10.40 **Dexter** (MA15+)
- 11.50 **Moto GP (Round 13 – San Marino)**
- 2.05 **Infomercials**
- 4.00 **Religion**

NBN
- 6.00 **Arrive Alive Cup Rugby League** Schoolboy football.
- 7.00 **TVP Direct**
- 7.30 **Bio-Magnetics** (G)
- 8.00 **Sunday News**
- 9.00 **Wide World Of Sports** (G)
- 11.00 **Sunday Footy Show** (G)
- 12.00 **Sunday Roast** (PG)
- 1.00 **The Car Show** (G)
- 1.30 **Speed Machine** drag racing.
- 2.00 **Gilmore Girls** (PG)
- 3.00 **WWE Afterburn** Wrestling.
- 4.00 **Sunday Football** Bulldogs vs Brisbane Broncos.
- 6.00 **Evening News**
- 6.30 **Domestic Blitz** (PG)
- 7.30 **60 Minutes**
- 8.30 **Scorched** (M) drama on a Sydney water crisis.
- 10.30 **Movie: When A Stranger Calls** (M,v,a, 2006) Stars Camilla Belle, Tommy Flanagan.
- 12.20 **Mad TV (M)**
- 1.20 **Newton Faulkner** (PG) Repeat.
- 1.30 **George Lopez** (PG)
- 2.00 **All Of Us** (PG)
- 2.30 **Guthy-Renker and Danoz**
- 4.00 **Good Morning America**
- 5.00 **Early Morning News**

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Justine Elliot MP

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Newsletter from your local Federal MP

August 2008

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Justine delivers local funding

Justine with Patrick Knight from Tweed Shire Council inspecting the hydrotherapy pool at the Murwillumbah Memorial Pool complex.

Bob Meehan (L), Justine and Joe Russell (R) inspect the Vietnam War Memorabilia Display held at Twin Towns Services Club.

COUNCIL GRANT

$8,219,330

The Rudd government has delivered $8,219,330 (financial year 08/09) to Tweed Shire Council for general services.

SAFER ROADS

$2,128,525

The Rudd government is making serious investments to build safer roads for local motorists and their families. $2,128,525 in black spot road funding will fix eight dangerous local roads. *See page 4 for all the details.*

COMMUNITY HALL

$1,000,000

Christian City Church was successful in fulfilling its contract obligations and will receive $1,000,000 which will contribute towards construction of a community hall complex at Kingscliff.

HYDRO POOL

$220,000

Tweed Shire Council was successful in fulfilling its contract obligations and will receive $220,000 for the hydrotherapy pool at the Murwillumbah Memorial Pool complex.

VETERANS

$46,475

Tweed Heads/Coolangatta RSL Sub-branch have recently received federal funding of $46,475 to assist with capital equipment purchases and to employ a part-time administration assistant.

"...great local projects for our great local area"

responsibly tackling

Climate Change

The Rudd Government is committed to ensuring every cent received from the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme will go back to Australian households and businesses to help them with costs and invest in cleaner energy choices.

The Government will help Australian families take practical action at home to save energy, using efficient products such as insulation and solar hot water, reducing emissions and saving on energy bills.

There is no cost-free option for tackling climate change, but a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is the best way to reduce pollution at the lowest cost across the Australian economy.

At present, industry and big business have no limit on how much they can pollute and this is causing global warming.

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme will require business and industry to buy pollution permits for each tonne of pollution they contribute to the atmosphere.

As a nation, we need to undertake the real economic reform that will enable Australia to compete in a world economy that is being reshaped by climate change.

"...acting now is the responsible thing to do – delay is irresponsible."

Justine Elliot MP

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

ten key commitments

The Rudd Government is committed to assisting all households, and particularly low-income households, adjust to the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

1. INVESTING IN HOUSEHOLDS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Every cent raised from the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme will be used to help Australians – households and business – adjust to the scheme and to invest in clean energy options.

2. CENT FOR CENT OFFSET IN FUEL PRICE IMPACTS

Fuel taxes will be cut on a cent for cent basis to offset the initial price impact on fuel associated with the introduction of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. We will periodically assess the adequacy of this for three years and adjust this offset accordingly. At the end of this three year period, the Government will review this adjustment mechanism.

3. INCREASING PAYMENTS TO PENSIONERS, CARERS AND SENIORS

People in receipt of pensioner, carer, senior and allowance benefits will have their payments increased above automatic indexation and will be provided other assistance to meet the overall increase in the cost of living flowing from the scheme.

4. HELPING LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Assistance to other low-income households will be increased through the tax and payment system to meet the overall increase in the cost of living flowing from the scheme.

5. HELPING MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Assistance will be provided to middle-income households to help them meet any overall increase in the cost of living flowing from the scheme.

6. REVIEWING AND IMPROVING ASSISTANCE MEASURES

The adequacy of payments to beneficiaries and recipients of family assistance to help with the overall impacts of the scheme will be reviewed annually in the Budget context.

7. RAMPING UP ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Additional support will be provided through the introduction of energy efficiency measures and consumer information to help households take practical action, reduce carbon pollution and save money on energy bills.

8. SUPPORTING HEAVY VEHICLE ROAD USERS

For heavy vehicle road users, fuel taxes will be cut on a cent for cent basis to offset the initial price impact on fuel associated with the impact of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. The Government will review this measure after one year.

9. CREATING THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION FUND

The Climate Change Action Fund (CCAF) will be set up to assist business transition to a cleaner economy. The CCAF will provide partnership funding for a range of activities, including:

- Capital investment in innovative new low emissions processes
- Industrial energy efficiency projects with long payback periods
- Dissemination of best and innovative practice among small to medium sized enterprises.

10. KEEPING THE ENERGY INDUSTRY STRONG

A limited amount of direct assistance will be provided to existing coal-fired electricity generators to ameliorate the risk of adversely affecting the investment environment. The Government intends to deliver this assistance, in part, through the new Electricity Sector Adjustment Scheme (ESAS).

Students travel to Canberra

Bilambil Public School year 5 and 6 students will shortly be visiting Parliament House in Canberra. Our local federal MP Justine Elliot attended the school and fielded a diverse range of questions from the interested students.

On top of explaining how Parliament operates, Justine informed them of her parliamentary duties as their local Member and also as the Minister for Ageing.

“It’s a great opportunity for our young Australians to see first hand how democracy works” Justine said. “I trust they will enjoy their time in our nation’s capital.”

Banora Point High School recently returned from their school excursion to Canberra. Justine presented attendance certificates to each student to commemorate the trip.

Students gave a fantastic slide show presentation that highlighted the value of such school endeavours.

Left: Bilambil Public School students could hardly contain their excitement about their up coming visit to Parliament House in Canberra.

Right: Justine with Banora Point High School students who gave a great performance of some traditional Indonesian music at the school assembly.

✓ Local Good News

St Joseph’s M’bah secures a healthy $48k for program

Local MP Justine Elliot congratulates St Joseph’s Primary School South Murwillumbah on securing Rudd government funding for local programs promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

The grant of $48,985 will help St Joseph’s Primary implement a social skills and well-being program.

“This is fantastic news and shows that the Rudd government is committed to measures that prevent the development of chronic diseases. It starts with educating our children to help them make positive and healthy life choices” Justine said.

This funding is part of the Healthy Active Australia Community and School Grants Program, part of the Australian Better Health Initiative (ABHI).

Successful applicants across Australia include a mix of government and non-government schools as well as TAFE and childcare centres. A number of community organisations have also been provided with grants.

Eight Road Black Spots to be fixed in Richmond

The Rudd Government is delivering $2,128,525 in commonwealth funding to fix eight local dangerous black spots in Richmond.

Local MP Justine Elliot said, “This is a serious investment in safer roads for local motorists and their families. As a former Police Officer, I know first hand how important it is to fix such dangerous black spots.” The eight projects in Richmond are:

- **$83,000** to build a guardrail along Terranora Road, between Blue Haze Crescent and Fraser Drive, in Banora Point
- **$50,000** to install a right turn arrow on traffic lights at the intersection of Tweed Coast Road and Cudgen Road, for vehicles travelling north-west and south-east, in Cudgen
- **$750,000** to widen the road and reduce dips, crests and curves along Kyogle Road, between Palmers Road and Clarrie Hall Dam Road, in Terrigan
- **$440,000** to install curve alignment markers, seal the road and address roadside hazards at Ballina to Ewingsdale Road and Migden Flat Road, in Broken Head
- **$280,000** to widen the road, improve the road markings and install guardrails and signage along Kyogle Road for three kilometres west of Kunghur Village
- **$275,000** to install curve alignment markers, mark barrier lines and reduce bends and curves along Upper Wilson’s Creek Road to Yankee Creek Road in Mullumbimby
- **$190,525** to re-align a bad corner on Nimbin Road, including widening the road and upgrading road signs and guideposts, in Goolmangar
- **$60,000** to build roadside barriers along corners, install road signs and affix reflectors on guideposts along the Coolamon Scenic Drive, north of Main Arm Road, in Mullumbimby

Anyone can suggest a location or a section of road for black spot funding using a nomination form from www.auslink.gov.au.

Need Help?

As your local federal member of parliament, Justine can help you with enquiries or assistance with Commonwealth Government departments. This includes;

- **Aged Care Issues**
- **Seniors Issues**
- **Youth Issues**
- **Centrelink**
- **Immigration**
- **Superannuation**
- **Medicare**
- **Taxation**
- **Defence Issues**
- **Veterans Affairs**
- **Child Support**
- **Commonwealth Funding**
- **Commonwealth Grants**
- **Environment**
- **Employment and training**
- **Communications**
- **Universities**

Contact Justine Elliot on 1300 720 675
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Justine presented an official message from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to Mr Herb Olm to mark his 100th birthday.

100 years young!

Centenarians are the fastest growing age segment of the Australian population. Their numbers have increased by 8.5 per cent a year over the past 25 years.

Currently, there are 2,860 Australians over the age of 100 and that is expected to increase to 78,000 by 2055.

Ninety-three (93) per cent of Australians over 100 are between 100 to 104; 6.3 per cent are 105-109 and 0.3 per cent are over 110 years.

Congratulatory messages are available for anyone turning 90 and 100 years of age as well for 50th, 60th wedding anniversaries. Contact Justine Elliot’s office for further details.

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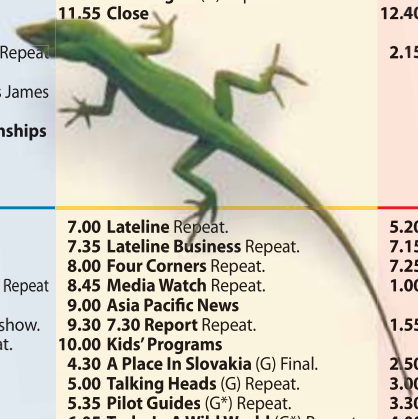
MONDAY 1

ABC1
4.30 **GP** (PG) Repeat.
5.30 **Strictly Dancing** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **Landline** Repeat.
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **A Place In Spain** (G) Repeat.
12.55 **A Place In Slovakia** (G) Repeat.
1.30 **The Cook And The Chef** (G) Repeat.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.55 **RollerCoaster**
6.00 **Landline Extra** Repeat.
6.30 **Talking Heads: Robyn Davidson**
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **7.30 Report with Kerry O'Brien**
8.00 **Australian Story**
8.30 **Four Corners**
9.20 **Media Watch**
9.35 **Enough Rope With Andrew Denton**
10.35 **Lateline**
11.10 **Lateline Business**
11.35 **9/11: The Falling Man** (M*,a) Repeat.
12.50 **Parliament Question Time**
2.00 **Movie: Caught** (G, 1948) Stars James Mason, Barbara Bel Geddes.
3.25 **Bowls: PBA World Championships**

ABC2
7.00 **Insiders** Repeat.
8.00 **Inside Business** Repeat.
8.30 **Asia Pacific Focus**
9.00 **Asia Pacific News**
9.25 **Offsiders** Repeat.
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **Gardening Australia** (G) Repeat.
5.00 **Message Stick** (G*)
5.35 **Can We Help?** (G) Repeat.
6.05 **Collectors** (G) Repeat.
6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
7.30 **Something In The Air** (G) Repeat.
8.05 **Creature Comforts** (G) Repeat.
8.30 **triple j tv**
9.00 **Good Game**
9.30 **Death Note** (M*,v)
10.00 **triple j tv presents: Missy Higgins**
10.30 **Willy Nelson And Friends: Outlaws And Angels** (G) Repeat.
11.55 **Close**



SBS
5.20 **World News** in various languages.
7.15 **Cycling: La Vuelta 2008** Update.
7.25 **World News** in various languages
1.00 **Living Black**
1.30 **Test Tube Babies** (PG) Repeat.
2.25 **Miracles Of Jesus** (PG) Repeat.
3.30 **Insight** Repeat.
4.30 **The Journal**
5.00 **The Crew** (G) student video production
5.30 **Corner Gas** (G) Comedy. Repeat.
6.00 **Global Village** flavours of France.
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Top Gear** (PG)
8.30 **South Park** (M,a)
8.55 **The Mighty Boosh** (M,cl) Comedy.
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.05 **Shameless** (MA,d,cl,s) Comedy.
11.00 **Movie: The Dope** (M,dr,cl, 2003) Comedy from France.
12.40 **Movie: Malefique** (MA,cl,h,2003) Horror from France.
2.15 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.00** Raggs pre-schoolers show. **11.30** Seven News
12.00 **Movie: College Can Be Murder** (M,v, 2007)
2.00 **All Saints** (M) Repeat.
3.00 **Masterchef Goes Large** (G)
3.40 **Fast Ed's Fast Food** (G)
4.00 **It's Academic** New episodes.
4.30 **Seven News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G) Repeat.
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG,s,a)
7.30 **Border Security – Australia's Front Line** (PG)
8.00 **The Force – Behind The Line** (PG)
8.30 **City Homicide** (M,v)
9.30 **Bones** (M) New episodes.
10.30 **Boston Legal** (M)
11.30 **30 Rock** (PG)
12.00 **You've Got The Job** (G)
12.30 **Medical Rookies** (PG,a)
1.00 **Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker**

Seven Qld program same as above except:
6.30 Today Tonight
Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Heartbeat **1.00** Movie: Double Take (M,v, 2001) **2.45** Harry's Practice **3.15** Yin Yang Yo! **3.35** The Great Outdoors **11.30** Movie: Super Troopers (M,cl,s,d,v, 2002) **1.30** Scrubs

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6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Kids' Programs**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David & Kim**
11.00 **Ten News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG)
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG)
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Scope**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Taken Out** (PG) series premier on dating.
7.30 **Australian Idol Semi-Finals** (PG)
8.30 **Movie: Step Up** (M,v, 2006) Stars Channing Tatum, Rachel Griffiths.
10.35 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.20 **Late Show With David Letterman**
12.20 **Video Hits Up-Late** (PG)
12.30 **Judge Judy** (PG)
1.00 **Infomercials**
4.00 **Religion** to 6am.

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
11.00 **Time/Life** (G)
11.30 **Danoz** (G)
12.00 **Movie: Mystery Woman** (M,v, 2003) Stars Kellie Martin, Clarence Williams III
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Fresh Cooking**
3.30 **Hi-5**
4.00 **Lab Rats Challenge** kids' game show
4.30 **National News**
5.00 **Antiques Roadshow** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **David Attenborough's Life Of Mammals** (PG) Return To The Water
8.30 **Movie: The Davinci Code** (M, 2006) Stars Audrey Tautou, Tom Hanks.
8.45 **Lotto**
11.30 **Just Shoot Me** (PG)
12.00 **Shipwrecked** (PG)
1.00 **The Baron** (PG) Repeat.
2.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
3.00 **Danoz**
3.30 **Good Morning America**
5.00 **Early Morning News**

TUESDAY 2

ABC1
4.30 **GP** (PG) Repeat.
5.30 **Strictly Dancing** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **How Art Made The World** (G) Repeat
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G) Quiz show.
1.00 **The New Inventors** (G) Repeat.
1.30 **Catalyst** (G) Repeat.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.55 **RollerCoaster**
6.05 **Time Team: Isle Of Man** (G)
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **7.30 Report with Kerry O'Brien**
8.00 **Grumpy Old Women** Final.
8.35 **Grand Designs: Midlothian**
9.30 **Foreign Correspondent**
10.00 **First Tuesday Book Club With Jennifer Byrne** (G)
10.30 **Lateline**
11.05 **Lateline Business**
11.30 **Four Corners** Repeat.
12.20 **Media Watch** Repeat.
12.35 **Parliament Question Time**
1.35 **Movie: The Great Man Votes** (G, 1939) Stars John Barrymore, Katherine Alexander.
2.50 **Movie: Armored Car Robbery** (PG, 1950) Stars Charles McGraw.

ABC2
7.00 **Lateline** Repeat.
7.35 **Lateline Business** Repeat.
8.00 **Four Corners** Repeat.
8.45 **Media Watch** Repeat.
9.00 **Asia Pacific News**
9.30 **7.30 Report** Repeat.
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **A Place In Slovakia** (G) Final.
5.00 **Talking Heads** (G) Repeat.
5.35 **Pilot Guides** (G*) Repeat.
6.05 **Treks In A Wild World** (G*) Repeat.
6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
7.30 **Something In The Air** (G) Repeat.
8.00 **Australian Story** Repeat.
8.30 **The Bill** (PG) Repeat.
10.00 **MDA** (M*,cl,sr) Repeat.
10.55 **South Side Story** (PG) Sydney Rugby League Football Club. Final.
11.20 **Close**

SBS
5.20 **World News** in various languages
7.15 **Cycling: La Vuelta 2008** Update.
7.25 **World News** in various languages
1.00 **The Storm Rages Twice** (PG) Repeat drama series from Lebanon.
1.55 **Inspector Rex** (M) Repeat crime series from Austria.
2.50 **Fashionista** (PG) Repeat.
3.00 **Here Comes The Neighbourhood** (G)
3.30 **Food Safari: French**
4.00 **The Journal**
4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **Corner Gas** (G) Comedy. Repeat.
6.00 **Global Village: Chile**
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **Insight : Rage –** age of rage.
8.30 **Cutting Edge: Blair At War** (PG)
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.05 **Hot Docs: Street Fight** (M,a,s) Repeat
11.35 **Movie: Alexandria…New York** (M,a,s, 2004) Drama from Egypt.
1.05 **Liberia: An Uncivil War** (M,a,v) Repeat.
2.50 **WeatherWatch Overnight**

PRIME
6.00 **Sunrise**
9.00 **The Morning Show** (PG)
11.00 **Raggs** pre-schoolers program.
11.30 **Seven News**
12.00 **Movie: The Pledge** (M,v, 2008) Stars Luke Perry, Kim Coates, James Kean.
2.00 **All Saints** (M)
3.00 **Masterchef Goes Large** (G)
3.40 **Fast Ed's Fast Food** (G)
4.00 **It's Academic**
4.30 **Seven News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G)
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Seven and Prime News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG,v)
7.30 **RSPCA Animal Rescue** (G)
8.00 **Find My Family** (PG)
8.30 **Packed to the Rafters** (PG)
9.30 **All Saints** (M,s)
10.30 **Make Me A Supermodel** (M)
11.30 **Beauty And The Geek** (PG)
12.30 **Kiwifruit** (M)
1.00 **Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker**

Seven Qld program same as above except:
6.30 Today Tonight
Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Heartbeat **1.00** Movie: Spirit (M,h,a, 2001) **2.45** Harry's Practice **3.15** Yin Yang Yo! **3.35** The Great Outdoors **10.30** Urban Legends **11.00** Night Stalker **12.00** Lost **1.00** Dr Danger **1.30** Scrubs

ten
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten Morning News**
11.30 **TTN** (G)
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG) Repeat.
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Repeat.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercial** (PG)
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Totally Wild**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Taken Out** (PG) dating.
7.30 **Australian Idol Semi-Finals** (PG)
8.30 **NCIS** (M)
9.30 **Rush** (M,v,s,at) New drama premiere.
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman**
12.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (PG)
12.30 **State Focus**
1.00 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am.

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
11.00 **Danoz and Guthy-Renker**
12.00 **Movie: Suzie Gold** (M,cl,s, 2004) Stars Summer Phoenix, Leo Gregory
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Fresh Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Hi-5**
4.00 **Lab Rats Challenge** kids' game show
4.30 **National News**
5.00 **Antiques Roadshow** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Wipeout** (PG) reality series.
8.30 **Two And A Half Men** (M,sr)
9.30 **20 To 01** (PG) new episodes.
10.30 **Secret Diary Of A Call Girl** (MA) new series.
11.30 **Just Shoot Me** (PG)
12.00 **No Waste Like Home** (PG) wasteful families.
1.00 **Outrageous Fortune** (M) Repeat.
2.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
3.00 **Untold Wealth** (G)
3.30 **Good Morning America**
5.00 **Early Morning News**

WEDNESDAY 3

ABC1
4.30 **GP** (PG) Repeat.
5.30 **Strictly Dancing** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Kids' Programs**
11.00 **Time Team** (G) Repeat.
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **National Press Club Address**
1.30 **Talking Heads** (G) Repeat.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.50 **RollerCoaster**
6.00 **Travel Oz** (G)
6.30 **The Cook And The Chef** (G)
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **The New Inventors** (G)
8.30 **Spicks And Specks** (PG)
9.00 **The Hollowmen** (M) Comedy.
9.30 **Very Small Business** (M*,cl)
10.00 **At The Movies**
10.30 **Lateline**
11.05 **Lateline Business**
11.30 **Murphy's Law** (M*,cl,v) Repeat.
12.25 **Parliament Question Time**
1.25 **Movie: The Sugarland Express** (M*,v, 1974) Stars Goldie Hawn, Ben Johnson
3.25 **National Press Club Address** Repeat

ABC2
7.00 **Kids' Programs**
7.35 **Lateline Business** Repeat.
8.00 **Landline Extra** Repeat.
8.30 **Foreign Correspondent** (G) Repeat.
9.00 **Asia Pacific News**
9.30 **The 7.30 Report** Repeat.
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.35 **Naked Science** (G) Repeat.
5.35 **Time Team** (G) Repeat.
6.20 **Mosaic: Ecuador** (G) Repeat.
6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
7.30 **Something In The Air** (G) Repeat.
8.00 **Little Angels** (G) Repeat.
8.30 **Murderball** (M*,cl,sr)
9.55 **Bradman: Reflections On The Legend** (G) Repeat.
10.55 **Heavy Metal Junior** (G) Repeat.
11.20 **Close**

SBS
5.00 **World News** in various languages.
7.15 **Cycling: La Vuelta 2008** Update.
7.25 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **Movie: The Hero** (M,v,cl,s, 2004) Drama from Angola.
2.40 **Candy Viola** (G) Repeat.
3.00 **Effie: Top Chicks** (G) Repeat.
3.30 **Football Stars Of Tomorrow** (G)
4.00 **The Journal**
4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **Feast Bazaar: Essaouira** Repeat.
6.00 **Living Black**
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.30 **The Hairy Bikers' Cookbook** (G)
8.00 **Inside Australia: Alive And Kicking** (PG) King Island.
8.30 **Dateline**
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.05 **Movie: Laputa: Castle In The Sky** (G, 1986) Animated fantasy from Japan.
12.20 **Movie: Together** (M,a,n,s, 2000) Comedy from Sweden.
2.10 **Weatherwatch Overnight**

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.00** Raggs pre-schoolers show. **11.30** Seven News
12.00 **Movie: Mystery Woman – Game Time** (M,v, 2005) Stars Kellie Martin, Clarence Williams III, Casey Sander.
2.00 **All Saints** (M) Repeat.
3.00 **Masterchef Goes Large** (G)
3.40 **Fast Ed's Fast Food** (G)
4.00 **It's Academic**
4.30 **Seven & Prime News**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G) Repeat.
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Prime & Seven News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG,n)
7.30 **Crash Investigation Unit** (PG)
8.00 **Medical Emergency** (PG)
8.30 **Criminal Minds** (M)
9.30 **Alan Sugar: The Apprentice** (PG)
10.50 **Beyond Boiling Point** (M)
11.20 **The Unit** (M)
12.20 **Cavemen** (PG) Final.
12.50 **Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker**

Seven Qld program same as above except:
6.30 Today Tonight
3rd Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Heartbeat **1.00** Movie: Sins Of The Father (M,v, 2002) **2.45** Harry's Practice **3.15** Yin Yang Yo! **3.35** The Great Outdoors **11.20** Dr Danger: Kenya **11.50** Gear **12.20** Alan Sugar: The Apprentice **1.20** Break It Down

ten
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten Morning News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (M) Repeat.
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Repeat.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercial** (PG)
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Totally Wild**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Taken Out** (PG) dating series.
7.30 **Australian Idol Semi-Finals** (PG)
8.30 **So You Think You Can Dance** (PG)
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman**
12.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (PG)
12.30 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am.

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
10.00 **Top End Cricket Tour** Australia vs Bangladesh. Live.
1.30 **Hi-5**
2.00 **Top End Cricket Tour** Australia vs Bangladesh. Live.
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Two And A Half Men** (M,sr)
8.00 **Hole In The Wall** (PG)
8.30 **Movie: The Wedding Crashers** (M,s,cl, 2005) Stars Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Rachel McAdams
8.45 **Lotto**
11.00 **Balls Of Steel** (MA15+)
12.00 **Surfari** (PG)
12.30 **Twins** (PG)
1.00 **Mad TV**
2.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
2.30 **Danoz**
3.00 **Untold Wealth** (G)
3.30 **Good Morning America**
5.00 **Early Morning News**

THURSDAY 4

ABC1
4.30 **GP** (PG) Repeat.
5.30 **Strictly Dancing** (G) Repeat.
6.00 **Kid's Programs**
11.00 **The Worst Jobs In History** (PG) Repeat
12.00 **Midday Report**
12.30 **Pie In The Sky** (G) Repeat.
1.30 **Collectors** (G) Repeat.
2.00 **Parliament Question Time**
3.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.50 **RollerCoaster**
5.25 **Blue Water High** (G)
6.10 **Buildings That Shaped Britain** Final.
7.00 **ABC News**
7.30 **The 7.30 Report**
8.00 **Catalyst** (PG)
8.30 **Family Footsteps** (PG)
9.30 **Q & A** (PG)
10.25 **Lateline**
11.00 **Lateline Business**
11.30 **Live At The Basement** (PG) Repeat.
12.25 **Wildside** (M*, cl, s, d) Repeat.
1.20 **Parliament Question Time**
2.20 **Movie: Mexican Spitfire** (G, 1939) Stars Lupe Velez, Leon Errol.
3.25 **Songs Of Praise** (G) Repeat.
3.55 **The Glass House** (M*, cl,sr) Repeat.

Programs are correct at the time of going to press but beware – all stations like tinkering with things at the last minute.

ABC2
7.00 **Lateline** Repeat.
7.35 **Lateline Business** Repeat.
8.00 **National Press Club Address**
9.00 **Asia Pacific News**
9.30 **The 7.30 Report** Repeat.
10.00 **Kids' Programs**
4.30 **The Einstein Factor** (G) Repeat.
5.00 **The Cook And The Chef** (G) Repeat.
5.35 **ABC Fora**
6.35 **Scrapheap Challenge** (G) Repeat.
7.30 **Something In The Air** (G) Repeat.
8.00 **Spicks And Specks** (PG) Repeat.
8.30 **The Hollowmen** (PG) Repeat.
9.00 **Very Small Business** (M*,cl) Repeat.
9.30 **Double The Fist** (M*,v,cl)
10.00 **Peep Show** (M*, sr,cl) Repeat.
10.30 **Ideal** (MA*du,sr)
11.00 **Bromwell High** (M*, Cl, sr) repeat.
11.25 **Close**

[s] = Sex
[a] = Adult themes
[n] = Nudity
[du] = Drug use
[dr] = Drug references
[v] = Violence
[*] = Could offend
[h] = Horror
[cl] = Coarse language
[sr] = Sexual references
[mp] = Medical procedures
[st] = Supernatural themes
[ie] = Issues about euthanasia

SBS
5.20 **World News** in various languages.
7.15 **Cycling: La Vuelta 2008** Update.
7.25 **World News** in various languages.
1.00 **Australian Biography: Joan Kirner**
1.30 **Odyssey Of Life** (G) Repeat.
2.30 **Dateline**
3.30 **Chefs Of The Great Hotels Of The World** Hotel Meurice Paris. Repeat.
4.30 **Newshour With Jim Lehrer**
5.30 **FIFA Futbol Mundial** Sport.
6.00 **Global Village** Tassili
6.30 **World News Australia**
7.35 **Inspector Rex** (PG) crime series from Austria. Repeat.
8.30 **The Circuit** (M,cl,s,a) Repeat.
9.30 **World News Australia**
10.05 **Movie: The Child** (M,a,cl,v, 2005) Drama from Belgium and France.
11.45 **Queer As Folk** (MA,cl,s) Repeat.
12.40 **Movie: Killing Words** (MA,cl,v, 2003) Thriller from Spain.
2.15 **Weatherwatch Overnight**

SBS advises viewers that programming between 6pm and 10.30pm nightly is Closed Captioned (CC)

PRIME
6.00 Sunrise **9.00** The Morning Show **11.00** Raggs pre-schoolers show. **11.30** Seven News
12.00 **Movie: Love Sick** (M,a,s, 2007) Stars Sally Pressman, David James Elliott.
2.00 **All Saints** (M) Repeat.
3.00 **Masterchef Goes Large** (G)
3.40 **Fast Ed's Fast Food** (G)
4.00 **It's Academic**
5.00 **M*A*S*H** (G) Repeat.
5.30 **Deal Or No Deal** (G)
6.00 **Prime & Seven News**
7.00 **Home And Away** (PG,n)
7.30 **Make Me A Supermodel** (PG)
8.30 **Ghost Whisperer** (PG) new episode.
9.30 **Ugly Betty** (PG)
10.30 **Trinny & Susannah Undress The Nation** (PG)
11.30 **Beauty And The Geek** (PG)
12.30 **Playing It Straight** (PG) Repeat.
1.30 **Danoz, Expo and Guthy Renker**

Seven Qld program same as above except:
6.30 Today Tonight
Prime HD program same as above except:
12.00 Heartbeat **1.00** Movie: Hollywood Wives: The New Generation (M,v,s, 2003) **2.45** Harry's Practice **3.15** Yin Yang Yo! **3.35** The Great Outdoors **12.30** Trinny & Susannah Undress The Nation **1.30** Scrubs

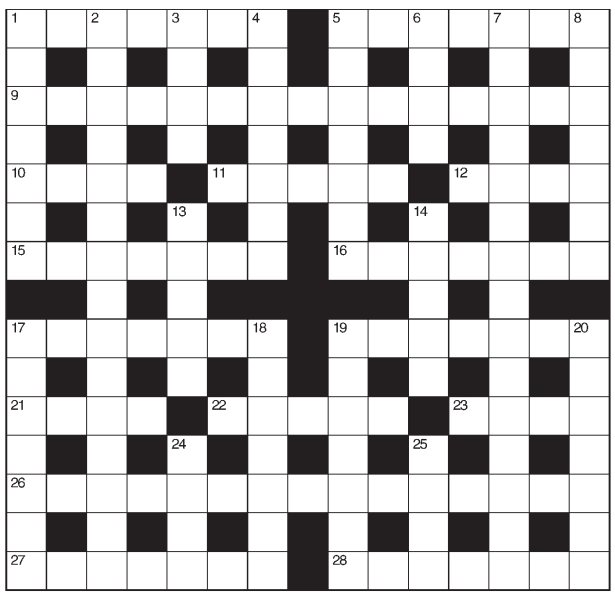
Most Prime programs between 6.30pm and 11.30pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

ten
6.00 **Ten Early News**
7.00 **Toasted TV & Kids' Programs**
8.30 **Puzzle Play**
9.00 **9am With David And Kim**
11.00 **Ten Morning News**
12.00 **Dr Phil** (PG) Repeat.
1.00 **Oprah Winfrey Show** (PG) Repeat.
2.00 **Ready Steady Cook** (PG)
3.00 **Infomercial** (PG)
3.30 **Huey's Cooking Adventures** (G)
4.00 **Totally Wild**
4.30 **The Bold & The Beautiful** (G)
5.00 **Ten News**
6.00 **The Simpsons** (G) Repeat.
6.30 **Neighbours** (G)
7.00 **Taken Out** (PG) dating.
7.30 **Australian Idol Semi-Finals** (PG)
8.30 **Law & Order: Criminal Intent** (M)
9.30 **Law & Order: SVU** (M)
10.30 **Late News With Sports Tonight**
11.15 **Late Show With David Letterman**
12.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (PG)
12.30 **Infomercials** (PG)
4.00 **Religion** to 6am.

All Ten programs between 5pm and 11pm (approx) nightly are Closed Captioned (CC)

NBN
5.30 **Today**
9.00 **Mornings With Kerri-Anne**
11.00 **Danoz and Guthy-Renker**
12.00 **Movie: Hunger Point** (M,a,d, 2003) Stars Barbara Hershey, Susan May Pratt
2.00 **Days Of Our Lives** (PG)
3.00 **Fresh Cooking** (G)
3.30 **Hi-5**
4.00 **The Shak**
4.30 **National News**
5.00 **Antiques Roadshow** (G) Dartington
6.00 **Evening News**
7.00 **A Current Affair**
7.30 **Getaway** (PG) travel series.
8.30 **The Strip** (M) crime series premier.
9.30 **The Footy Show** (M)
11.00 **The AFL Footy Show** (M)
1.00 **Blue Collar TV** (M)
1.30 **The Nanny** (PG)
2.00 **Guthy-Renker Australia**
3.00 **US Open Tennis Championships 2008** Men's quarter finals. Live.

Cryptic Crossword 001



Across

1. Out of bed, drunk and irritable (7)
5. Chief group to provide equipment for switchboard operator (7)
9. Con sent after Dad with lease money to get permission for kiddies (8,7)
10. Milk producers found in Moscow Square (4)
11. No chess for changeless heavenly being (5)
12. Invoice William (4)
15. Rue sins dreadfully as the cock crows (7)
16. Sped around oil and went off (7)
17. Morally principled at Chile characters' demonstration (7)
19. Wrongly spend it on vicar's wage (7)
21. Carry baby east (4)
22. Old sailor turns up on a book of maps (5)
23. Lois damaged grain store (4)
26. Now, here to be noticed – then, out of sight! (7,2,2,4)
27. Chest of drawers for lofty lad (7)
28. Put off deposit indeed (7)

Down

1. Empties trunks for world power gangs (7)
2. Cry 'Enough!' and toss in the dryer (5,2,3,5)
3. Gnus blasted by firearms (4)
4. Railway apprentice? (7)
5. Yes, Minister's illegal computer operators? (7)
6. Haunt headless relative (4)
7. Express post this unique event in the labor ward (7,8)
8. Gossiped about contents of Hallstatt lederhosen (7)
13. Dump into trench (5)
14. Sound reason for ship's record, I see (5)
17. Wiped out the dead (7)
18. Otter replaces owl in lowly game of chance (7)
19. Does oaf somehow create marine cuisine? (7)
20. Doctor, possessed, died underwater (7)
24. Gather bouquet containing aromatic plant (4)
25. Leek turns up in bottom of ship (4)

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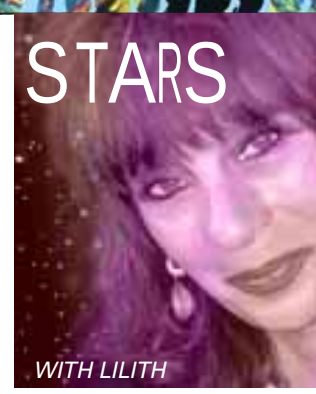

WHILE THIS WEEK'S SUN WISHES OUR DESERVING VIRGOS HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRICKY COSMIC SQUARES AND OPPOSITIONS SUGGEST THE LIKELIHOOD OF UNEXPECTED SURPRISES – DELIGHTFUL OR OTHERWISE…

ARIES: If personal upsets occur this week, sorting volatile feelings in private rather than public's recommended. Astral aspects are major right now for self improvement, with the emphasis on self; efforts to upgrade others mightn't be met with quite your degree of ebullient enthusiasm.

TAURUS: If negotiations with others start getting taut and fraught, remember there's always more than one solution to a problem. This week favours new, improved, time-saving, energy-efficient, wiser ways of operating – plus a few necessary concessions to healthier living.

GEMINI: This Virgo-flavoured week favours career planning, domestic organization and moves to improve your physical, emotional and financial health. All actually more fun than it sounds with your ruling planet Mercury stimulating the kind of interesting meeting of minds you Geminis relish…

CANCER: If the appreciation you expected isn't forthcoming this week, remember others have their insecurities, anxieties and preoccupations just like you do. Keep communications grounded and practical – emotional outbursts could work against you. There's no place like home base right now.

LEO: While others may have an irritating tendency to rain on your parade – or worse, criticize your ideas – the less demanding you are the more support you'll get this week. Which accentuates teamwork, maintenance and financial planning over fabulous fun times… sorry about that.

VIRGO: This week isn't a hundred per cent guaranteed free and easy, bright and breezy, but the good news is you have plenty of celestial support available so no need to do absolutely everything yourself. It's your birthday month so relax, kick back and receive for a change.

LIBRA: Shopping's not particularly auspicious, and this week's people could express themselves with less finesse than you Venusians are used to. Health and wellbeing are top of the tops though, so invest in some soothing beauty therapies till next week's Libra-friendly energies kick in.

SCORPIO: You're not in the mood to tolerate waffle, but if an idea you've been obsessing over has to go on hold or be modified this week, the payoff for keeping your cool will be well worth it. Stay aware of those things that are better left unsaid.

SAGITTARIUS: Be aware that little things mean a lot in this week's critical climate. Other people's opinions and ideas might not be music to your ears, but no need to share your every thought – keep plans under wraps for the moment because the situation may change.

CAPRICORN: While you're prepared to take constructive suggestions on board, others may not be as open as you to critical feedback. But even if this week generates above average levels of pressure, tension and strained relations, it's still Capricorn friendly and highly productive.

AQUARIUS: A strong will or rebel tendencies aren't your best friends this week when getting along with others is your ticket to getting ahead. A generous gesture when you're least feeling like it could dissolve a gridlock and pave the way for positive changes next week.

PISCES: One on one exchanges are more enjoyable than crowd scenes this week, with time spent alone most rewarding of all. Reduce the possibility of friction caused by differences of opinion, agenda or expectations by remembering that the simpler you keep things the less can go wrong.

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Further evidence of India's rise as a chess power became apparent this week with an unprecedented double at the World Junior and World Girls Championships in Gazaintep, Turkey.

Abhijeet Gupta, already a grandmaster but only nineteenth seed in the powerful U/20 open division, came from nowhere to win India's third World Junior title while Harika Dronavalli dominated the Girls division.

Gupta's nearest rival turned out to be his 15-year-old compatriot Parimarjan Negi, creating another national double which had not been seen since the dying days of the Soviet Union in 1991.

'Chess in India is on a boom and our federation is doing a great job,' explained Gupta after the event.

The other pointer to the future of world chess came with the tie for third by Hou Yifan in the open division. The 14-year-old girl from Nanjing scored a grandmaster result in Gazaintep – probably sufficient to make her the youngest female GM in history. Hou's placing was not only the best result by a female in the 57 year history of the World Junior but may also be the best performance by a 14-year-old of any gender.

Australia's representatives in Turkey, the ACT's Gareth Oliver and Melbourne's Sarah Anton, struggled to stay afloat against much higher rated opponents. Oliver, Australia's best 19-year-old, was seeded only 81st from the amazingly strong 109 player open division, which featured 24 teenage grandmasters.

However, Oliver ran into form as the tournament wore on and, had he completed a well-deserved victory in the penultimate round game below against the poweful Uzbek Dzurabek Khamrakulov (seeded higher than the winner Gupta), then the Australian would have finished in the top half of the field.

Gazaintep 2008
White: G Oliver
Black: D Khamrakulov
Opening: Queen's Gambit Declined
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Bd3 Re8?! Rather pointless. Khamrakulov is hoping that White will exchange pawns but Oliver refuses to oblige. **9.0-0 h6 10.Bh4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b5 12.Bd3 a5?! 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Ne4 Bb7 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Ne5 Bd6** Very risky but Black is already badly tied up. **17.Bxf6 gxf6** (See diagram) **18.Bg6!!?** A bolt from the blue. 18.Nd7 Qd8 19.Nc5 was also strong. **18...Re7** 18...fxe5! 19.Bxf7+! Kxf7 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.dxe5 Bc5! was objectively best, but Khamrakulov was reluctant to allow White a possible perpetual check and walks into something worse. **19.Bxf7+! Rxf7 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.Qh7+ Ke8 22.e4! Qc7 23.Qg8+ Kd7 24.Qf7+ Kd8 25.Qxf6+ Qe7 26.Qxh6 Kd7 27.Rd3! Bc7** The smoke has cleared and White has a clear material and positional advantage. However now, instead of 28.Rf3! c5 29.Qg6! which puts Black under intense pressure, Oliver begins drifting. **28.Re1?! Rd8 29.Qh3 Kc8 30.d5??** A miscalculation in time trouble which fatally opens lines for the Black bishops. **30...cxd5 31.exd5 Bxd5 32.Rc1 Kb7 33.Rdc3 Bf4 34.Rd1 Qg7 35.g3 Be5 36.Rc5 Kb6 37.Rdc1 Bd6 38.R5c2 Rh8 39.Qf1 Qd4!** Now Black dominates the board and the rest is easy.
40.a4 bxa4 41.Rc3 Qe4 42.f3 Qd4+ 43.Kh1 Bxg3 44.R1c2 Be5 45.Rd3 Qf4 46.Qg1+ Kb7 47.Qg2 Kb8 48.Kg1 Qb4 49.Qf1 Bxb2 50.Qf2 a3 0-1

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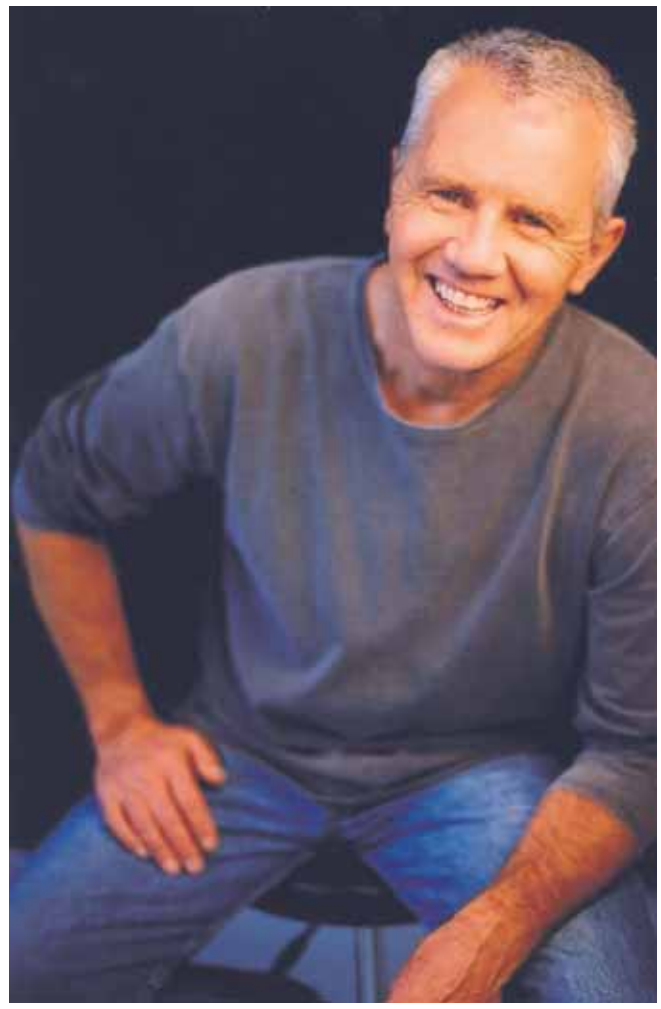
Dazza of our Lives

Daryl Braithwaite at the Coolangatta Hotel



When I was 14 I had a poster of Sherbet above my bed. They were all wearing white and on memory they were in a balloon. They had mullets and looked tough in a soft 70's rock kind of way. So talking to Daryl Braithwaite on the phone today about his upcoming gig at The Coolangatta Hotel was kind of full circle. I feel I can now take the poster down. Of course I didn't tell him. Good stalkers never reveal their true identity!

Daryl has had an impressive career. He was King of Pop for god's sake. He was one of the few artists who then went on to establish his musical career in his own right, Sherbet giving him a nostalgic credibility as something of a statesman in Oz Rock.

Daryl is looking at laying down some tracks for a new album soon, but he's moving with the times, and intends it to be something much briefer.

'I think I'll do a 4 track or 6 track, I honestly think to a degree the day of the album is over. I bought the Living End album the other day on the strength of White Noise and there were some tracks that were really good, but it was just a handful, but it seems to be heading in that direction – it's best to just put out an example of what you do best.'

So what are the great albums according to Mr Braithwaite? The ones that hang together, track by track from beginning to end?

'The last time I heard an album that was great was Bernard Fanning, "Tea and Sympathy", first time I heard it, I hadn't had that experience since the Beatles – every song was so so good! And then the one after the day was "Bullet in the Bible" by Greenday.'

You know what, I just wasn't expecting Daryl to be a Greenday fan. I'm impressed. Turns out he's mad for them.

'My tastes are really diverse, I love what Greenday do, I love them live, it's influenced me over the last couple of years, in the recording thing, I do like the sound of aggresssive guitars and the dynamics and the melody, it's always been like that for me, I just wish I was more of a songwiter, because I am really lazy, I procrastinate till the cows come home and then I use the fact I have written songs over the years, and go I could do it, and I beleive I could just wake up one day and it's done!'

I'm talking to Daryl in his car. He's pulled over somewhere in Caulfield, Melbourne where he's out shopping for a bag.

I just adore those mundane details. Now the bag is an important part of the story of Daryl's tour up north.

'The one I had didn't fit in the Tarago, the boys in the band have been hassling me that bag has to go, its on rollers and I have never ever had one before – I love that bag. But they have been complaining. Apparently it upsets the packing of the Tarago – my bag! I said I might have to sack someone. We've been together for 10 years, so I'm out getting a new bag.'

Daryl has that wry sense of humour that attracted the attentions of media personalities and comics Hamish and Andy recently. What started as a brief chat ended up as a 3 day affair.

'Hamish sold me a bike rack 15 years ago, it just all started from there!'

So what should punters expect at the Sunday gig?

Will they get a Sherbet hit?

Well, maybe just the one!

'I started doing it because I was doing a gig with James Reyne and he said what can we do in the encore? He said let's do Howzat and he knew we were anti doing Sherbert, then I realised it's an important song for people to come and see me. Although what happens now when I play Horses is amazing, there has been a younger following emanating out of Perth and Qld – when we did a gig at the Treasury they were crowd surfing, 18 – 25 year olds who sang like there was no tommorrow.

I love performing live, surfing has gone slightly behind it, the surfing thing is just amazing, you never lose it.'

I love it (he admits that as a Coogee boy that was all he did for most of his adolescence and twenties!)

'It's hard to explain to people the thing about performing, and the last couple of years it's just getting better, you put all this energy into it and you lose your inhibitions and it's powerful, and it's weird and it's the best thing that I experience live out of anything at all it's quite amazing and I am dreading the day when I lose the ability or energy to perform, you can push yourself beyond the boundaries you had years ago, it doesn't matter, you are not scared of anything at all because you are in charge.'

Daryl Braithwaite plays the Coolangatta Hotel on Sunday at 6pm. Free. The perfect entre to spring!

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In Your Dreams

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A few weeks ago I decided I'd give my kids a treat and take them to Dreamworld. It's not something I recommend for any parent who's not ready for a cash enema. I was literally haemorrhaging twenty buck notes from every orifice in my body. My wallet looked like a crime scene. By the time I got home it was just a chalk outline on the pavement, noting the moment it was raped and pillaged. It was like an autopsy on my bank account. In six short hours every cent was released into the boundless universe to purchase my children joy.

Memories don't come cheap. Artificial fear inducement is a lot more expensive than it looks. Personally, I can't handle adrenalin producing rides. Going really fast and then flipping upside down makes me want to vomit. It doesn't make me want to do it again. The only ride that was within my comfort zone was Dora the Explorer. Me and a bunch of two year olds nearly lost our small minds. While my 9 year old tackled the tower of terror (which I renamed 'The Tower of Terrorists' due to the large number of sugar fuelled adolescents and pre-teens seeking solace in something milder than the hormone ride nature had put them on) I pushed myself to the limits and faced the fear by lining up for the Spongebob ride. Sure it was rated as a 'mild' thrill, but I was strapped in face down on a baking tray and spun around for a few minutes. It was like a more sophisticated version of what your Dad would do to you on the beach after a few beers. (No, not that, that's creepy Uncle Dave.) You know, when he'd grab a leg and an arm and then swing you round. Apart from the odd shoulder dislocation and when he dropped you on a rock it was always top notch fun.

What I want to know is, who are those people who frequent the 'worlds'? There's this bovine like glaze fixed on the faces of a predominantly obese population munching down their $8 cup of hot chips and bucket of Coke. Fat parents, with fat children... it was more like Diabetic World. If you've spent any time in Wiggle World, you'll know the true meaning of hell. Although I did watch the large pupilled young couple groping each other on the Big Red Car and I thought, wacko, someone's popped a few eckies. They were having a top time, but then they would have been experiencing the same full bodied sensory pleasure at a McDonald's drive thru.

And who called it Dreamworld anyway? Hundreds of kids lining up for 5 minutes strapped to a chair. I offered my kids the same treatment at home but they threatened to call the Children's help line. Dreamworld for me would be more David Lynch inspired and would feature cabaret stages with midgets in tuxedos performing standup comedy to chickens. If it's thrills your kids are after then let's come up with something a little more carbon and cash neutral. I came up with a beauty. It really got the kids' adrenalin pumping: 'How about Mummy comes to school and does canteen in the nude?'

live music

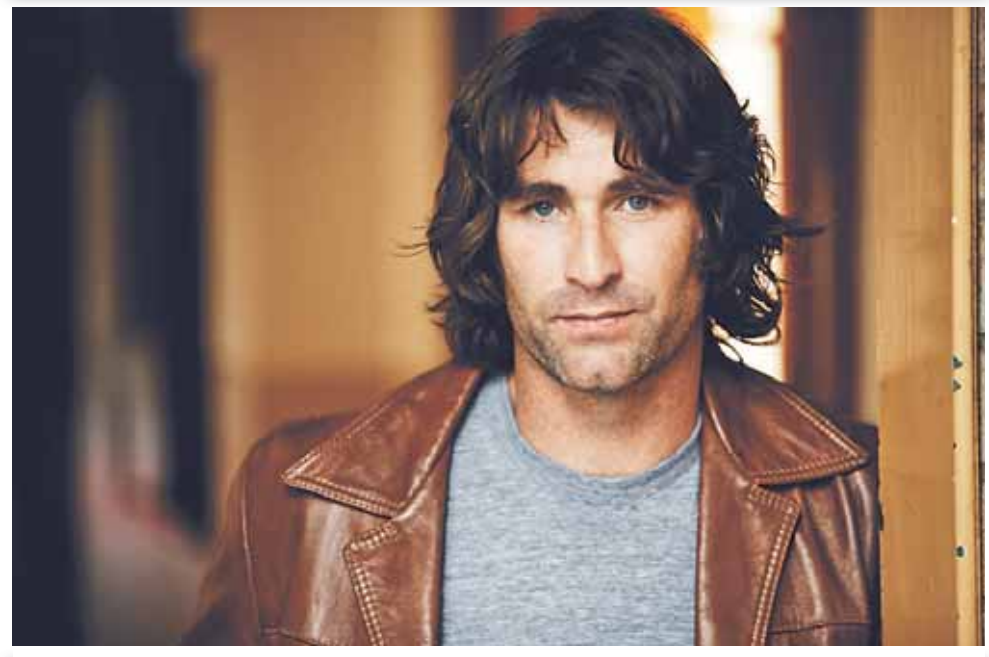
The Mighty Murray

From the moment the funky piano riff opens **Pete Murray's** third album, Summer at Eureka, you sense he's coming from a different place. When the drums kick in and the electric guitars bite on that song, 'Chance to Say Goodbye' you know for sure. There's a bright, positive atmosphere to Summer at Eurkeka that reflects Murray's state of mind as the proud father of a young family. The album radiates positive energy and is Murray's first self-produced release. It was recorded during summer, naturally, at the studio Murray has built on his own rural property. All the elements that people love about him are still there: the powerful vocals, the honest emotions, the sing with me melodies. The sunny back to the country vibe of Saving Grace with its acoustic guitar and harmonic reflects the leafy surroundings where it was recorded. It's an injection of summery optimism that could brighten even the darkest winter day. Completing the feeling of returning to his roots, the album was engineered by Anthony Lycenko who was at the board for Murray's debut. The songs on the album reflect the pressure free atmosphere and Murray's personal contentment and his thoughts of home and family after spending so much time overseas touring and writing over the past two years. **He plays the Seagulls on Friday 5 September.**

Gabi Bliss cd Launch at the Buddha Belly Cafe, Uki on Saturday

Nick Muir at Unplugged in the Basement at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Thursday

Van She at the Coolangatta Hotel on Friday



Pete Murray at Seagulls on Friday 5 September

Loren at Sphinx Rock Cafe

Down to earth and humble, singer songwriter **Loren** is a hard working troubadour with a musical ambition and ability that dazzles. Courtesy of five releases and a huge live presence, he is a testament to what one can create within an independent music scene. Loren's constant touring at the beginning of his career saw him build a fan base and a reputation that allowed him to make the transition from pub gigs to ticketed shows at respected live music venues around the country. After the success of his first studio album 'Community' he then further developed his live show and introduced the band lineup. Loren possesses a rare energy onstage that demands attention. He has the natural gift of being able to tell a story in a song with skilful lyrical imagery while delicately balancing self expression and audience connection. With a voice of silk, he absorbs inspirations from worldly destinations, experiences from deep within himself and from some of the great songwriters and musicians that have walked before him, channelling it into something original, captivating and dynamic. **He appears at Sphinx Rock Cafe from 1- 5pm on Sunday.**

Miss Leisa at Club Banora

Miss **Leisa Kerris** brings you her ever-popular fast moving cabaret show at **Club Banora on Wednesday.**
A trained voice with years

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Turning over a New Leith

Once upon a time, singer, songwriter and novelist Damien Leith was a chemist. In 2006 after winning Australian Idol, everything changed. This unassuming multi-talented Irishman had just won himself a national profile. It was time to hang up the lab coat and pick up the microphone.
It's the curse of many of those shows who thrust inexperienced performers into a career and see how long they can hold on. Fortunately for Damien his pre-Idol years in the saddle as a performer has stood him in good stead, and he is now establishing a name for himself as a musician in his own right. A father of two young boys, (Jarvis 3 and Jagger 1), Damien is a featured performer at this years Fatherhood Festival.

Having kids changed everything for Damien and his partner.

'Prior to Jarvis being born, in many ways we were living our lives without any major direction, going from one day to the next not making major plans. Once he arrived your whole life gets a major amount of purpose – you plan, you have goals and life becomes about them rather then about yourself.

'Jarvis was just one while I was doing the Idol. When he was born we hadn't been long married, and we saved up and got an apartment, we got a little more serious – it opens your eyes to the things that you wouldn't have seen, and sometimes decisions you may not have made.'

I asked Damien how his relationship with his boys is informed by his own relationship with his Dad.

'I suppose the main thing for me to give my kids is time, my dad didn't have the opportunity to give much time. I have an amazing relationship with my dad, he is an incredible guy – that's the thing when we were kids there was no money, people were holding down multiple jobs, dad was just working all the time – I'm working all the time as well, so I try and keep that in mind and try and spend time when I have it with them.'

Choices for generations of men have changed markedly. Forty years ago it would be unheard of for a family man to be following his dream.

But here is Damien, living successfully and supporting a family from his work as a performer and writer.

'In Ireland there was no work, opportunities in something you loved were few and far between and you took what you could get – there is definitely more opportunities for people now, and we have more exposure to different options so if you aren't happy with your lot you can try get something different.'

Leith's parents are both very proud of their son's achievements.

'They are so proud – proud as punch, for me it's 16 years of playing and gigging and demoing – I got signed in America ten years ago but it didn't work out – I am a chemist, so I kept up my studies, I thank God for it becuase 16 years of chasing the music without something to fall back on would have been tough – I worked as a chemist for nine years, when I entered Idol I was in the best job I'd been in – it helped me with Idol, because I didn't care what happened – I already had a good job, it's that thing – when you try and find someone for a date and you are desperate, you can't find anyone. But if you're not, it's right there. That seems to apply to a lot of things in life!'

Post Idol, Damien released his first novel, One More Time.

'The book was already written before I went on Idol – I have always been a writer, long before I ever did music I used to write plays. One More Time is about a guy with obsessive compulsive disorder on a trek through Nepal, it's basicallly how this guy's surroundings affect his mind and his disorder.'

Damien has almost finished his second novel, also to be published with Harper Collins.

'The new one is about a young boy and his father and their relationship after the death of his mother... the story takes off five months after her death and the dad is not at home, he's an alcoholic and the boy lives with his aunty. It's a much tougher story than what I wrote the first time.'

Damien has since released three albums through Sony/BMG records with them collectively selling over 500,000 units. The Winner's Journey and Where we Land albums both held the No.1 position on the Australian music chart while his latest album Catch the Wind; Songs of a Generation reached No.2.

'The shows I did with Idol were big and over the top, the ones I do now are acoustic, three of us on stage, I play piano as well, it's much more comfortable, audiences like it more, because I'm more comfortable, the big band is great – but I don't want it to be too organised, I like it to be rough around the edges!'

Damien is preparing to release his album of originals next year. He performs at the Fatherhood Festival at the Bangalow A&I Hall on Saturday 6 September.

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Leisa Kerris at Club Banora on Wednesday

Pommy Johnson at Comedy in the Basement at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Friday

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of professional singing and dancing experience brings this classy 50's and 60's show together. Everyone remembers the great hits of Connie Francis, Leslie Gore, Helen Shapiro, Dusty Springfield, and the 'little miss dynamite' Brenda Lee and her smash hits. Enjoy Leisa's energetic show which includes crowd participation, fantastic costumes, colour and glamour. It's a morning show, so get there for an 11am kick off! Like all the good things in life, like sunshine and love...it's free!

Catch She at Coolangatta Hotel

Gearing up for what is set to be a huge 2008, those fearless explorers of new-wave and post-punk, **Van She**, are celebrating the release of their debut album 'V' by hitting the road with their next instalment of what's quickly becoming everyone's favorite party du jour, a Van She Party. Having taken over the airwaves of late with songs like the psychedelic electronic bliss of 'Strangers', the lurching space rock of 'Cat & The Eye', and the French-pop charisma of 'Changes' ,Van She are back with a blistering live show and a party night set to rival the best. Merging their indie-club following with sweaty nightclub dwellers, the Van She Party avalanche keeps building momentum as it rolls boldly where no party has gone before, promising to pick up old faithfuls and take new friends in its wake. The seeds of the Van She Party were sewn in between recordings, tour dates, various remix projects, side steps with Van She Tech and over drinks with friends, all the while aiming to create a hybrid live/DJ tour that fashions a no holds barred party atmosphere. While the band headline proceedings with their post-disco, brain-illuminating anthems, they also step out from behind the instruments to DJ some tricky techno and a selection of their globally notorious remixes. The Van She Party will also be bringing along friends and comrades on the tour including live sets by Lost Valentinos and DJ's Knife Machine on the decks. **Make sure you catch Van She at their album release party at the Coolangatta Hotel on Friday**. Cnr Marine Pde / Warner St, Coolangatta (07) 55 896 888. Tickets on sale now $20 + bf advance. Available from Venue and all Oztix Outlets www.oztix.com.au 1300 762 545
Doors 8pm.

The Gorgeous Gabi Gobble Bliss Bomb!

Do try and catch the beautiful, funny and very talented **Gabi Bliss** when she launches her album 'Kiss this' at **The Buddha Belly Cafe in Uki on Saturday at 7pm**. Gabi is joined by her fellow musos, Deidi Vine, Izzy Foreal, Himi, The Reflective Collective and more. Tickets are $30 including a CD or $15 to come in and play. Kids are free, and if you get there early you get to catch Peter Chesneys's exhibition opening, and performances by the Stand Up Poets (of which Gabi is a member), fire twirlers and bellydancers. Tickets and All Music and Vision in Byron, Planet Music Lismore and Murwillumbah Music.

Koh and Read

The Currumbin Soundlounge is renowned for its laid back grooves. People come from far and wide to enjoy the chilled-out atmosphere and the high quality music the venue provides. This Friday is no different, with **Sophie Koh and Tim Reid** up for grabs. Sophie launches her much anticipated second album 'All shook Up'. Sophie has grown up a lot since she last toured Oz, her new album is diverse, mature and her band has expanded. Working with producer J Walker, she has come up with an album that defies expectations. Tim Reid is a songwriter who hails from Sydney. In the last three years Tim has travelled the world and played from London to Rome. His music is a mix of acoustic guitars, delicate vocals and he has been described as 'pure pop brilliance.' **Friday from 7.30pm at The Soundlounge at Currumbin RSL.**

In the Nick of Time!

Acoustic singer/songwriter **Nick Muir** headlines Unplugged in the Basement with reggae two-piece Shoebox as support on Thursday.
A regular feature every Thursday night at the Gold Coast Arts Centre, Unplugged in the Basement showcases emerging acoustic acts in a live and intimate setting. This Thursday soloist Nick Muir headlines Unplugged, and will be performing tracks from his upcoming album, The Perfect Circle. With over a decade of performing experience, Nick's flowing liquid melodies have seen him support iconic Australian acts such as The Black Sorrows and Billy Thorpe. Nick lists Crowded House, Neil Young, and Jeff Buckley as his biggest influences, and it is to these artists his music is most commonly likened. Supporting Nick will be the Gold Coast's only acoustic reggae group, Shoebox, the recent winners of Bluesfest and the fasterlouder.com.au competition. Over the past year, Shoebox's infectiously original style has resulted in them sharing the stage with established acts such as Angus & Julia Stone and Byron Bay drum and didgeridoo act Wild Marmalade. Thursday at 7pm, tickets: $7 before 8pm, $10 after 8pm at the **Basement at the Gold Coast Arts Centre.**

Loren at Sphinx Rock Cafe on Sunday

Tix to see Mullum Childs

Toni Childs is back in 2008 with a brand new album Keep the Faith! She's set to tour the country, captivating audiences with her powerful vocals, charismatic live performances and commanding message. Best known for her heavily R&B influenced Don't Walk Away, Toni hit the big time in 1988 when her critically acclaimed debut album Union went double platinum in Australia. The same year in the US, she was nominated for three Grammys, including Best New Artist. Toni will be playing the fabulous newly refurbished Mullumbimby Civic Hall heralding a whole new era in Mullum of world class talent gracing the stages of the biggest little town in Australia! Friday 26 September, with tickets on sale now. $40 or $45 at the door. On sale from Barebones, Mullumbimby Bookshop, Murwillumbah Music and all Music and Vision stores.

Your Summersong

Every year for the past decade the **Summersong Music Camp** has changed the lives and hearts of all those who attend the week long music intensive at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. For this special occasion – its 10th birthday the organisers have lengthened the camp from seven to eight days and extended the program even further.
For January 2009 **Summersong** welcomes some fantastic new teachers from overseas and Australia. This year's program includes daily classes for all levels in a cappella singing with Tony Backhouse, Songwriting with Kristina Olsen and Del Rey, guitar with Karl Farren and Del Rey, Vocal Technique, Vocal Duos, Trios and Quartets with Richard Lawton, and much much more. Located directly between the Pacific Ocean and the beautiful ti tree Lake Ainsworth, music-filled days evolve into evenings spent performing, jamming and celebrating. There are some Partial Youth (ages 17 - 24) scholarships available, and residential or non-residential options. Every year has booked out well in advance, so visit the web site: **www.summersongmusiccamp.com or call 66 845 570 or 0428 845 570.**

Vivalucion

Byron Bay's only Chilian/Brazilian/Cuban ensemble are back! Past successful nights have prompted another Latino night of dance, music and food, and this time they take the troupe to **Federal Hall,** behind Byron. Bassist 'Love Handles of Joy' is just back from South America, and now with cactus in his veins and culture in his head, the band is primed to make the floor dance. Members also include Mauricio on guitar and vocals, Alf on flute/sax/vocals, Sol on percussion and young Marcus on drums. See them on **Saturday from 6 – 11pm**. It's a dining and dancing fiesta with delicious food, cakes and hot sweaty bodies all available. Well almost all. There will be a lucky door prize and prize for the best dressed. It's BYO and $15 at the door.

tweed arts
with Judith White

Tyalgum event a real classic

Next weekend one of the Tweed's most picturesque villages will echo to the sounds of fine classical music when concert performers from around Australia gather for the annual **Tyalgum Festival.** The local hall hosting the event is among the best acoustic buildings in the country and celebrates its centenary this year.

Tyalgum Festival combines virtuoso performances with the encouragement of young talent. The most promising players from the surrounding area appear on the same stage as the Olympians of the music world. In its 17 years the program has gained a reputation for excellence, which coordinator Alexsandra Wilkinson puts down to *'an uncompromising approach to the quality of the music'.*

The event is unique in the area. *'While we are blessed in the Tweed to have a diverse range of culture and activities,'* says Wilkinson, *'live classical music at this level simply isn't available.'*

The opening recital on Friday September 5 is by Russian **Tatiana Kolesova**, major prizewinner of this year's Sydney International Piano Competition. Kolesova, a student at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory, was best female competitor in Sydney and second overall. She will play Chopin, Schubert, Liszt, Tchaikovsky, Pletnev, Hayden and Stravinksy.

The Tweed Shire's own 10-year-old pianist **Nelson Hu** gets his chance to shine on Saturday morning in the 'Young Virtuosi' concert. Nelson won the prize for most promising classical musician given by Tyalgum at the 2008 Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts. He will be joined by saxophonist **Cameron Millar**, judged most outstanding instrumentalist (12 to 16 years) in the Queensland Young Conservatorium awards – and once again the prize was donated by Tyalgum Festival.

Other performers include cellist **Julien Rosendahl**, guitarist **Campbell Ross**, pianists **Catherine Lynagh**, **Lokman Lo** and **Roger Cui** and horn player **Armin Terzer.**

On Saturday the joint founders of the Tyalgum Festival, violinists **Carmel Kaine** and **John Willison**, feature in separate concerts.

Sunday's program, which includes a nature walk, a morning service, a Viennese coffee concert and a Latino lunch in the park, concludes in the afternoon with a recital by Ukranian-born Australian pianist **Alexey Yemtsov**, a rising star of the international concert circuit.

Local initiative is the key to the Festival's success. Willison, Kaine and Wilkinson are joined on the organising committee by musicians Virginia Mason and **Jennifer Hibbard**, who both live in the Tweed Valley. Wilkinson herself has been involved ever since she moved to Tyalgum 10 years ago.

'I can't imagine ever wanting to part from it,' she says, 'even though it takes over my life (and my kids' lives) for a couple of months each year!'

There is community involvement at many levels, with sponsorship from the shire council and businesses, while Tyalgum preschool volunteers help to organise refreshments and the Taipans Soccer Club Café puts on Sunday's lunch in the park.

And of course the festival would not be happening at all without that exceptional hall, lovingly maintained on a voluntary basis by the Tyalgum Literary Institute and Progress Association. Bruce Bartrim, whose family was one of the first to settle in the district, is a member of committee, and last week he was hard at work in his overalls preparing for the invasion. *'Back in 1908,'* he says, *'the selectors had nowhere to meet so they decided to build a hall. Each of them put in a few shillings and borrowed £100, and once the work was underway they borrowed another £100 to finish it.'*

Over the years the hall has hosted educational associations, dances, a cinema, a boxing rink and a Diggers' club. Its upper level has a fine display of photographs and historical records. But to the outside world, it's known above all for the festival. *'There were concerts in the old days,' says Bartrim, 'but nothing like this.'*

Tyalgum Annual Festival of Classical Music, September 5, 6 and 7. Full program www.tyalgumfestival.com.au tickets 6679 2244.

Young virtuoso Catherine Lynagh

Rising star Alexey Yemtsov

Festival opener Tatiana Kolesova

Local cellist Julien Rosendahl

Tweed River Art Gallery

There's a special magic to music in an art gallery – and none provides a better backdrop than our own Tweed River Art Gallery, with its magnificent views up the valley to Mt Warning. Earlier this month it was packed for the first ever daytime concert, by Duo Diva Liza Beamish (soprano) and Kathleen Proctor-Moore (mezzo-soprano), who delighted the audience with a mix of opera songs and popular ballads. Both have performed leading roles with Opera Australia and state companies and their version of Lakme's Flower Duet currently tops the independent classical music charts.

Liza Beamish, who has made her home in the Tweed Shire, next appears with tenor Lachlan Baker – together they're billed as 'The Lady and the Larrikin' – in the concert Celebrate at Tweed Heads Civic Centre on September 28, when they also launch their new CD Fabulous Favourites. The $20 charge includes a glass of bubbly. Information and tickets 07 5599 2274.

Olive Cotton Award exhibition

Talking of the Tweed River Art Gallery, if you haven't yet seen the stunning photographic portraits in the Olive Cotton Award exhibition, you have until September 21. The award in memory of the outstanding photographer was won this year by young Sydneysider Emily Portmann. Entrants come from all over Australia, but watch out for one or two local faces – spot Nitya the Murwillumbah barber!

For more on the gallery, watch this space.

Tweed River Art Gallery, 2 Mistral Road. Wednesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm. Free.

movie reviews
with John Campbell

Baby Mama

The previews of this were wildly misleading. A young mum licking what might be poo off her child's hand and a woman peeing into the bathroom sink because she couldn't lift the lid of the loo suggested something tackier than what is presented in this smart and delightfully pointy romantic comedy. Kate (Tina Fey) is a vice-president with Philadelphia-based Round Earth Foods. As she puts it, her contemporaries were getting pregnant while she was getting promoted and now, at 37, she she really wants a baby. Unfortunately, doctors tell her that her tubes would make that virtually impossible. So she does what any self-regarding, high flying exec would do, she pays a surrogate to carry her fertilised eggs. Coming hot on the heels of Helen Hunt's *And Then She Found Me*, it is another of the burgeoning baby-as-commodity films, but it is a cut above that turgid time-suck. This is in large part due to the heartening performance of Amy Poehler as Angie, the poor white trash who will be Kate's baby's mama. Angie has a no-hoper boyfriend and a lot of bad habits and provocative views – she thinks *Funniest Home Videos* is a scream and dismisses organic vegetables as 'crap for rich people who hate themselves.' Steve Martin, as Kate's boss, does an outrageous turn as Barry, the self proclaimed genius guru with a long silver ponytail whose ultimate reward to his underlings is to provide them with five minutes of uninterrupted eye contact – he is so good at mocking the LA/Byron Bay charlatan. And, if your natural instincts have not been exterminated by PC and you are still game to laugh at a speech impediment joke then you'll be tickled pink by Maura Tierney's birthing coach – her 'pwegnant wesbians' killed me. I thought the ending a copout for the almost apologetic manner in which it embraced the glowing nuclear family and the ideal of parenting as lifestyle – all of the gently acerbic observation that came beforehand washed away in a couple of minutes of goo. Otherwise excellent.

Tropic Thunder

The problem with spoofing the jungle war hero is that the subject already seems to be in the throes of terminal self parody – I mean, how many poor sods still take Rambo seriously?

The success of this movie is founded elsewhere, targeting Hollywood and the egomaniacs who thrive in its fantasyland environment. Fading star Tugg Speedman (Ben Stiller) and a handful of fellow actors, meant to be soldiers in Vietnam, unknowingly wander into the domain of murderous opium growers. Tugg, convinced that they are still on set, sees the ordeal as a test of his craft as a performer. Jeff (Jack Black) and Kirk (Robert Downey Jr) just want to get outta there.

The script works wonderfully well with jokes in bad taste, but unfortunately those whose noses it might seriously get up are precisely the group who will not see it. 'Outraged of Pottsville', may not like it, but it's hilarious nonetheless. For mine, Downey Jr steals the show, and it is enlightening that the line about the dingo taking the baby is still trotted out in the US. As clichés are assiduously identified, you know that at some point there will be a Colonel Kurtz scene. It's a beauty when it comes, with the totally troppo Tugg reprising Marlon's water basin moment. Jack Black, surrounded for a change by an entire cast overdoing it is, by his extroverted standards, noticeably subdued and, more to the point, he just doesn't look right in army fatigues. Only when, tied half naked to a tree, he offers a blow job to one of the guys does he inspire a belly laugh. Worth the price of admission alone is Tom Cruise's tyrannical studio head, Les Grossman. Flabby, bald and with the hairy chest and forearms of a neanderthal, his solo dance routine brings the house down.

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- CLUB BANORA 11AM-2PM **LINE DANCING WITH RUSSELL HINTON**
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RADICCHIO AND RED ONIONS

The splayed-out chicken I had ordered arrived on a bed of grilled radicchio, smoky-flavoured and a little charred around the edges. It was a magnificent combination, the usually bitter vegetable sweetened somewhat in the cooking process and soaking up the spicy juices from the chicken.

Radicchio is a type of red chicory, or endive, whose colour results from the plant being taken from the earth and placed in darkened areas where the ensuing lack of chlorophyll production causes the plants to lose their green pigmentation. If left to grow naturally, it would be green with rust-brown spots and exceedingly bitter; in the absence of light, the lighter portions of the leaves become white, and the darker, its glorious crimson hue. What little bitterness remains is, to be sure, one of its virtues in salads where colour, texture and flavour provide a grand counterpoint to softer, sweeter or more peppery lettuces.

Fortunately, it is becomingly increasingly easy to source outside of Italy, from whence it originated. Of the several varieties available the most commonly found is the Treviso, whose long tapering leaves resemble those of romaine lettuce. Marcella Hazan in *The Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking* confides that the secret to a sweeter-tasting radicchio in salads lies in the splitting in half of its head then shredding it finely on the bias. Teamed with a bunch of rocket and dressed simply with olive oil and vinegar it is a lovely and strikingly pretty salad.

However – as my chicken dish amply proved – cooking it elevates it to another platform altogether. Grilling it with a lubrication of olive oil renders it a lusciously easy vegetable to accompany meat, fish or poultry – or an addition to an antipasto platter beneath the glistening vibrancy of finely chopped parsley and garlic. Shred it and stir it through a plain risotto, adding lots of freshly grated parmesan and a sturdy knob of butter at the very end – or fold through a handful of green prawns. Soften some chopped onion in a little olive oil and butter then add shredded radicchio and prosciutto; splash in red wine and a couple of peeled chopped tomatoes and simmer while you cook fresh ribbon pasta – finish off with a squeeze of lemon juice, a little cream to bind, and some grated parmesan. Or arrange the raw cup-like leaves rosily on a plate and fill with fresh figs split into quarters and grilled under a draping of melted goats cheese for an exceedingly elegant entree, summer impending.

Summer impending is what, to be sure, is impelling my consideration of salads. And red onions go near the top of the list – onions the same crimson as radicchio, onions contributing their own particular character. In Italy, where just about every food imaginable has in some small village its own festival at some stage of the year, the red onion is annually celebrated in the Calabrian town of Tropea on the 13th of August. The red onions here are famous; there has even been a gelato created from them. They are sweet and mild, hence their success in salads. Cooked, one of my favourite ways is to transform them into a jammy sticky mass which keeps for ages in the refrigerator and which has so many uses. Below is my preferred version of Caramelised Onions, which I love to serve dolloped on to ricotta-smeared Turkish bread with roast pumpkin slices and slow-roasted Roma tomatoes, then popped in to the oven, foil-wrapped, for about twenty minutes.

CARAMELISED ONIONS

Saute 4 thinly sliced red onions in 50 mls olive oil with 2 chopped and seeded red chillies, 2 teaspoons ground cumin and 4 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger. Stir frequently until soft – do not allow to colour or burn. Slosh in 150 mls white wine and 1 cup of balsamic vinegar, bubble up then reduce over a low heat. Add 6 tablespoons each brown and white sugar, stir to dissolve and cook until dark, thick and caramelised.

SALAD OF TENDERISED OCTOPUS AND ORIENTAL MUSHROOMS WITH WASABI DRESSING

Courtesy of O Shushi

Ingredients
4 fresh octopus
(Each octopus should be 100g~130g)
500ml vegetable stock
50ml grapeseed oil
40g shiitake mushroom (trim stems off)
80g shimeji mushroom (trim stems off)
40g enoki mushroom (trim stems off)
2 tamarillos cut into wedges
120g celery sliced
40g red capsicum sliced
12 olives cut in half
12 leaves witlof

Dressing
5g-10g wasabi paste
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 tablespoon grapeseed oil

Garnish
Shallots julienne
Ginger julienne
Shiso leaves julienne
Radish sprout
Salmon roe

Method
Clean octopus by removing the beaks, the guts and the eyes.
Heat the grapeseed oil in saucepan, cook octopus for 30-60 seconds until the colour slightly changes. Add enough vegetable stock to cover octopus and cook for 40-50 minutes with very low heat – never ever boil – until octopus get very tender.
Remove from heat then throw in shiitake and shimeji mushrooms and wait until octopus and mushrooms to come to room temperature.
Separate octopus tentacles in eight and cut heads in half, slice shiitake mushrooms, separate shimeji mushrooms individually.
Put the octopus, shiitake, shimeji, tamarillos, celery, red capsicum and olives in a bowl, add well mixed dressing and mix together.
To serve place three witlof leaves on each plate and divide octopus mix evenly between four plates. Arrange julienne of shallots, ginger and shiso, radish sprout on top, then enoki mushrooms.
Sprinkle salmon roe around.

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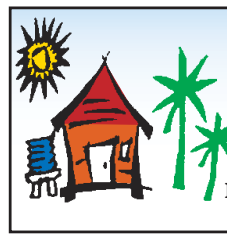

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The Olympics: you are still free to not care

John Campbell

Ginger Rogers famously blew her own trumpet when she remarked that 'I do everything Fred Astaire does – only backwards and in high heels.'

It's a line that clearly influenced the IOC. How else to explain the plethora of activities for which competitors are awarded medals?

The 'greatest Olympian', America's toothy Michael Phelps, more than anyone, has benefited from the hair splitting. He is unarguably a mighty swimmer, but having eight events from which to gather his record haul seems, if not over generous to him, disproportionate compared to contestants in other fields. Especially when you consider that the poor bugger who busts his guts running the marathon's forty-two kilometers has only one lousy shot at gold and a lucrative career flogging health funds and breakfast cereals.

Why are there so many medals in the pool? Why is somebody rewarded for swimming backwards, over both one and two-hundred metres? How naff is that?

The Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt would in all probability have done in reverse on terra firma exactly as he did in forward gear and put his bum across the line in front of everybody else, but he was not given the opportunity. And as for the ridiculous butterfly stroke (not even David Attenborough has caught on film a butterfly doing its laps), well, why not have them race all the way under water? Synchronised diving? Give blokes like me a look in with synchronised bombs.

Fred and Ginger! Michael and Liu! Entertainment plus in the Birdsnest soapie.
Digital bastardry by John Campbell and the Tree Faerie

I'm kidding, of course, for without the bounty provided by Australia's girls in the pool that tired old boast about our per capita achievement might not sound so triumphal.

Duty obliged me to check out at least a bit of the coverage, though I passed on the opening ceremony. Highlights of it later confirmed my prejudgment – all such mega productions are crashing bores.

When the action started, it was the usual mix of a pinch of the exhilarating and dollops of the mind numbing, with the occasional disconcerting revelation, viz. that there are people out there who actually sit and watch more than two minutes of beach volleyball.

As always, it was the exposition of character, or lack of it, that fascinated.

An Australian long-jumper – her name is already gone, such is ephemera – a virile blonde who, like most of our track and field team, gave her all but did not survive the qualifying rounds, when asked what path her life might now follow, wept openly and, I have to own up, I went out in sympathy with her.

On the other side of the coin was Eamon Sullivan's no-show at the press conference after his second in the 100m freestyle. It made a sook of him and reflected poorly on the gravy train of tax funded sports academies and coaches whose brief it is to produce these 'heroes.' What on earth have they been teaching the boy?

But the lasting memory for this calcified nark came at the beginning of a heat of the men's 110m hurdles. The reigning Olympic champion and national idol, China's Liu Xiang, was making a meal of letting the world know that he was out of sorts.

He kept grimacing and rubbing his leg – plenty of which we saw, incidentally, he being the only runner I can recall who wore the old fashioned flapping shorts in preference to the ubiquitous spray-on budgie-smugglers.

There was a false start, but Liu's initial strides suggested that his chances were down there with Buckley's. He hobbled back towards the blocks, every citizen in the People's Republic agonising over his destiny and Bruce McAveney having conniptions. It was a juicy moment – the most compelling of the Games.

I death rode poor Liu. A less than edifying reaction – shameful even, it might best be summed up with a passage from 'Oliver Twist'.

The wonderfully named Mr. Grimwig had wagered with kind Mr. Brownlow that the boy would never be seen again after being sent on an errand with five pounds in his pocket.

'Mr. Grimwig was not by any means a bad-hearted man; and though he would have been unfeignedly sorry to see his respected friend duped and deceived; he really did, most earnestly and strongly, hope, at that moment, that Oliver Twist might not come back.' You've got to hand it to Dickens, he was sharp with the insight.

Liu's withdrawal from the race broke the hearts of a third of the planet's population. As soap operas go, it was bigger than Sonny Bill.

Nothing could top it, I figured, so I gave Beijing the flick and rented a set of Fred and Ginger flicks to see me through till the return of 'Inspector Rex' – I wonder how he'd go in the 100m dog paddle?

Tigers go get'em

The Tiger Cubs are are proving the pudding following their results last weekend in the preliminaries at Pottsville Oval.

The under 12s were behind in their game against Byron Bay at half time, but a great third quarter where they kicked a massive 5 goals spurred them on.

The final quarter saw the Tigers keeping Byron at bay, the final score Tweed 6-13-49 to Byron 5-3-33. Best players for Tweed were Mick Arnold, Byron O'Sullivan, Henry Robinson and Nathan Brown. Goal scorers for the match were Kurt Skuse 2, AJ Ryan 1, Scott Masters 1, Byron O'Sullivan 1 and Tom Arnold 1.

The under 14 side also managed to come from behind in their match against Brunswick. In the final quarter the team fought gallantly with courage and determination, the demeanour which has been a constant companion to them all season, a state of grace that has drawn admiration from all at the club.

There was a mere 5 points between the teams at the final siren. The score 9-8-62 to 8-9-57 in the nail biter.

Best on ground went to Dan Dron and the goal scorers were Tom Arnold 3, Dan Dron 2, Jarred Rake 2 and Bronson McDonald 2, one of which was a beauty from the boundary line.

The kids now find themselves in the enviable postition of Grand Final contenders in matches to be held on the weekend in Lismore.

The club whose tradition is yet to be long, is already working steadily on the 'proud' and after only two years in the competition, it is certainly an outstanding achievement.

The high excitement of the day has spilled over onto the whole club and they are all looking forward to the Grand Finals next weekend, when they hope to bring home their first premiership flag.

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Grafton Interschool gymkhana

Grace O'Reilly from Cobaki competed at the Grafton event on her frind 'Moon'. Photo Natalie O'Reilly

Mahli Breckendridge from Palm Beach Currumbin High School and a Cabarita Beach Pony Club member, took out Champion Senior High School Rider at the recent event.

Mahli finished 1st in her Rider Class, 3rd in Hack Class, 5th in Pleasure Hack, 3rd in Pairs, 1st in Bare Back, 1st Top Score Jumping, 2nd Bends, 5th Barrel, 3rd Flag, 3rd Diamond Flag and 3rd in Scudda Ho.

Other competitors from the Cabarita Club at the gymkhana were Shauna Quinn, Danika Hardy, Tara Hardy, Tarlay Moorehouse and Courtney Moorhouse representing Kingscliff High School, Samantha O'Reilly representing St Pat's Murwillumbah, and Grace O'Reilly representing King's Christian College. Grace was thrilled to get 2nd in her rider class and 2nd in her bare back class as this is her first year competing in Pony Club gymkhanas and other local events.

Grace and her sister Robin have been warmly welcomed into Cabarita Beach Pony Club and are really enjoying getting out and about on their horses with other like minded kids.

The Cabarita Beach Pony Club is about kids having fun but we also have excellent riders in Crystal Drake, Emma Kearney and Toby McIntosh who rode for Zone 15 Showjumping at Brisbane Show.

The competitors who went to the Interschool Gymkhana will back up on the August 30-31 to ride for the end of year Jamboree at Grafton and will compete against clubs from the Tweed to Grafton.

SPORT RESULTS

BOWLS

TWEED HEADS MEN

Pennant Results: Saturday August 23
Round 4. Division 1 lost to Helensvale 51/67; Division 2 lost to Beaudesert 53/58; Division 4 beat Tugun 62/57; Division 6 beat Beenleigh 68/48; Division 7 drew with Robina 63/63 and Division 8 beat Beenleigh 60/59.

Round 5 Saturday August 30:
Division 1 away at Burleigh Heads; Division 2 home to Coolangatta; Division 4 home to Twin Towns Services; Division 6 away at Tugun; Division 7 home to Woongoolba and Division 8 away at Musgrave Hill.

Club Championships:
B grade Pairs Round 2 results: Russell Luland, Terry Patton d. Brian Bevan, Vic Iles 23/19; Bob Chapman, Rob Chubb d. Brian Bitmead, Bill Finney 20/16; George Mynott, Sean Harty d. David Watts, Ken Calvert 27/13; Simon Bailey, Mitchell Jackson d. Simon Stephenson, Russell Leeson 21/13.

Social Results:
Sunday August 17, Green 1 winners: John & Brenda LeBouef, Ruth & Max Reiter; r/up: Joyce & Joe Allen, Lorraine Robins, Frank McPhillips. Green 2: Col & Lidia Elsey, Jan & Graham Kerrison; r/up: Kevin Connolly, Nerina Berni, Lucy & Joe Vioulich. Green 3: Margaret & John Gunton, Shirley & Graham O'Bryne; r/up: Renee & Tony Laycock, Elaine & Peter Skirving. Green 4: Bev White, Toots Sibley, Bill Davies; r/up: Ngaire Gibson, Dorothy Evans, Brian Bevan.

Tuesday August 19.
Winners Men - Frank Ellitt, John Aitchison, Norm Clark, Terry Patton; r/up: Olly MacCausland, Vic Iles, George Craig.
Winners Ladies, Josie Ryan, Sue Jackson, Dianne Kerwitz, Pat Mann; r/up: Carmel Keane, Faye Scott, Stella Spear, Ali Martin.

Wed August 20
Green 1 winners: Chas Turner, Keith Hiscocks; r/up: Mike Nedjati, George Martin. Green 2: Bernie Fletcher, Laurie Cooper; r/up: Sam Ramsay, Graham Little. Green 3: George Paddon, Ron Edwards; r/up: Jed Hambleton, Col Heydt. Green 4: Peter Stockel, Peter O'Pray, Roger Jones, Brian Hodkinson; r/up: Ron Gilbert, Alan Wood, Ray White, Ben Huygen.

Fri August 22
Green 1 winners: Len Harrison, Gordon Henshaw, Wim VanderBeek; r/up: Frank Dawson, Peter Skirving, Alan Stephen. Green 2: Peter Stockel, Col Heydt, John Mann; r/up: Harry Lyon, Tony Nicholls, Brian Bevan. Green 3: Gordon Halsall, Rod Stebbins, Laurie Lennox; r/up: Allen Jackson, Ron Taylor, Les Newnham.

Sat 23 August
Winners: Norm Arthur, Brian Hodkinson; r/up: Fred McIntyre, John Lewis.
Tweed Heads Tourers – No report from last Sunday but next Sunday 31 August the lads have invited the Ladies for Mixed bowls and the list is on the notice board in the Members Lounge.

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Pennant Friday August 22
DIVISION I: Tweed Heads 3 and Half, Helensvale 1 and Half. DIVISION II:Tweed Heads 1 and Half, Musgrave Hill 3 and Half. DIVISION IV:Tweed Heads 1, Coolangatta 4. DIVISION V:Tweed Heads 2, Mudgeeraba 3. DIVISION IIV:Tweed Heads 0, McKenkzie Park 5.DIVISION IIIV:Tweed Heads 1, Benowa 4.

HOCKEY

POTTSVILLE
Division 2 Pottsville Women had a win against United 2-1 to advance to the semi final.
Division 2 Pottsville Men had a 1-1 draw with Kingscliff.
The Pottsville Division 3 Men's team lost in their match against the Waratah Jags last Saturday. .
The Division 3 Women played the United team during Saturday's match, winning 1-0 .
A date to keep free is September 26 for the presentation night at the Community centre starting 5pm sharp.
The theme this year is 'Op Shop Formal' and tickets are on sale now for $35, so please see your team captains to purchase for the night. Final numbers are required by September 12.

So near and yet so far for gallant Raiders

John Campbell

Tweed Coast's tilt at the Retravision Northern League Premiership came to a heart stopping end last Saturday when they were beaten in their sudden death play-off by Mullumbimby.

The Raiders gave as good as they got in a bruising encounter, but were done at the death when, with barely a minute left on the clock, the Giants' centre Jay Hampson raced in for the converted try that delivered to the defending premiers a 36-30 victory.

It was a disappointing end to a season in which the Coast were never far from the top of the ladder and, until Mullum's ninety point demolition of Cudgen in the final round of the comp, looked to have earned the home ground advantage for the first of the semis. That psychological lift was denied them, but they cannot be faulted for the effort they put in and, at various stages, looked as though they might go on with it and knock out the title holders.

Mullum grabbed an early lead, but the Raiders settled quickly and were ahead 10-4 after twelve minutes through tries to prop Buddy King and winger Chris Berger.

Raiders players in the thick of it at Les Donnelly Oval Mullumbimby in the game against the Mullum Giants last Saturday. Photo Tree Faerie

As they were to do all afternoon, the scores then fluctuated, with neither side able to establish and hold the ascendancy. The Coast repeatedly created space for themselves out wide against their speedier opponents and were rewarded with a four-pointer to Luke Heron, only to see Mullum surge back and secure a 20-14 lead at the break.

It was an electrifying try and it fully deserved Scott Ella's dead-eye conversion.

But the Raiders' hard earned lead evaporated soon after and, locked at 24-all, both sides' seasons were on the line.

Not unexpectedly, things got a little heated.

The packs pummeled each other and, boys being boys, gentlemanly conduct was abandoned.

Each team was briefly reduced to twelve men after a rattled ref decided that the sin bin might be the best place for a couple of combatants to cool their heels.

The thrust and parry resumed. Courtesy of an Ella try out wide and his gun barrel straight goal that accompanied it, the Raiders were up 30-26 with eighteen minutes remaining.

Weight of possession and the Giants' blistering pace from full back and on the flanks was the telling factor, but it was a close run thing.

Earlier, in a similarly see-sawing clash, the Raiders' reserve grade bowed out of the playoffs when Evans Head came home with a wet sail to nail them 40-30.

Soccer semis to be played in Murwillumbah

It has been announced that the Gold Coast Soccer Men's First Division and Reserve Grade Semi Finals will be held at the Murwillumbah (Services) Football Club this Saturday.

Both games will be fought out between Kingscliff and Southport with the Reserve Grade game starting at 2:45pm and the First Division Game to follow.

The Kingscliff First and Reserve Grade teams remained undefeated this season to win the minor premiership and have gained promotion to the elite Gold Coast Premier League competition in 2009, between them the Kingscliff teams scored a total of 282 goals which is exceptional at this level of football.

The President of Murwillumbah Football Club Paul Morgan said, 'It was excellent news for the Club to be hosting these matches. It encourages other players from the club and anyone else that wants to see a fast exciting game of soccer to come along and watch, as matches of this calibre are usually played on the Gold Coast.'

Mr Morgan also acknowledged the assistance of the Kingscliff Soccer Club executive in organising these major semi final matches.

To coincide with these matches, the Murwillumbah Football Club and the Kingscliff Wolves Soccer Club will be holding a joint Junior 'Rooball' Presentation for their players from the Under 6 division up to the Under 10s.

The Presentation activities will include social matches between the two clubs, a sausage sizzle, and jumping castle.

The presentation and social games will commence at 1:30pm and conclude at 4:30pm just in time for the start of the First Division Semi Final.

Mr Morgan said that combining the two clubs Rooball presentation with the Senior Semi Final Matches provides the junior players with a great fun day and an opportunity to watch a high quality game.

Seabreeze at Pottsville

The Pottsville Bowls Club recently hosted players from far and wide in the Annual Seabreeze Triples.

The event, held over two days sectional play on August 18 and 19, saw players from all over New South Wales and Queensland compete in what has become the major tournament on the Pottsville bowls calendar.

Overall winner Ray Pickard from Avalon Beach Bowls Club north of Sydney accepted the prize on behalf of his team mates and congratulated the Club for the manner in which all competitors were made to feel welcome and the professional way in which the event was staged.

Second in the event was the Graham Richards led team from Tweed Heads, third was the Jason Constable team from Springwood in Queensland and fourth went to the team from Casino led by Richard Latta.

The Second Section first prize went to Graham Shillington and his team from Tamborine in Queensland, second was the Peter Care led team from Evans Head and Colin Hawkins from the Tweed Heads club rounded out the top three.

Kris Lehfeldt led his team into first place over Colin Montague from Evans Head in second in the Third Section of play.

Ray Pickard from Avalon Beach accepts the winners cheque from event sponsor Metricon's Dale Scotcher.

Round Winners were Ken Woodward (Salisbury Qld) Round one, Terry Lee (Condong) Round two and Donny Bowers (Pottsville) Round three.

Jim Banks accepted the Best Performed Pottsville Team prize on behalf of his playing partners.

The *Echo* sports pages want you!

Eve Jeffery

Welcome to the pages of *Echo* sport, we hope you enjoy our coverage.

In the last few weeks while we have been preparing to launch our new paper, I have discovered that sport in the Tweed Shire is huuuuuge to say the least, you folk really love your sport and our folk are looking forward to getting to know all the teams and clubs in the area and who's playing who.

Our sports editorial team always tries to cover a wide range of sports, so as well as the popular sports like rugby, soccer, tennis and cricket, you can also expect to see croquet, Futsal, surfing and elastics (that is if you are playing competative elastics of course).

We are also always looking for interesting people and teams to profile on our sport pages so now is you chance to 'dob in a mate!'

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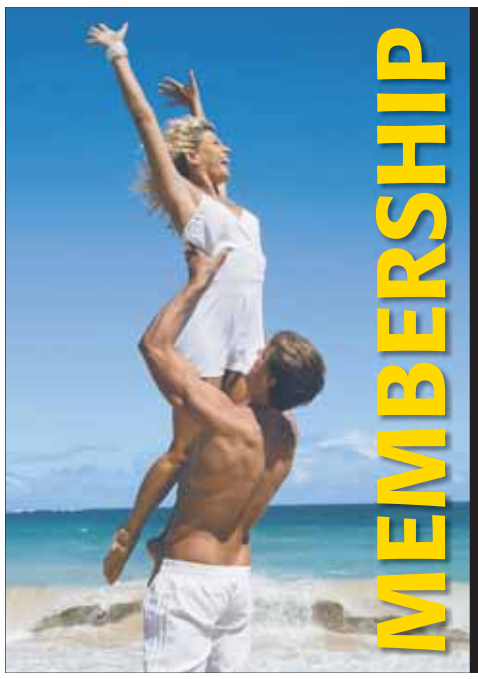

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The team alongside Roger and Nevelle is made up of six local people including Sales Manager Bruce Melville, Senior Property Manager Sharon Siddle, Commercial Manager Cheryle Jardine, Holiday Manager Suzanne Chalfont and Property Manager Carolyn Smith. Combined they have an untold wealth of experience not only in their field but in life, the group boasts three very proud grandparents.

The Professionals at Pottsville Beach provide services across the board. They have a large database and referral network and will take care of your needs for anything from finding you a rental home or holiday accommodation to selling your seaside mansion. Roger is a beachfront specialist who recently sold a quality property for the highest recorded price in the area.

Roger is very happy in the community that he now calls his own. 'I came up here to play football in 1986 and I ended up the secretary of the Tweed Coast Sea Rescue. I'm in my 12th year and I love it. I am happy with the idea of the local real estate agent being like they were in the old days. They were the local JP and the footy coach and a political voice, they were involved as part of the community. We have structured our company that way.'

The Professionals have put not only their money but their time and energy where their mouth is. They actively participate in sponsoring many of the local sporting, school and community groups including the Pottsville Primary School, the Pottsville RSL Memorial Lights project, the soccer canteen and sheds in town, the local surfers and surfing competitions, the community centre as well as encompassing a much broader community range where they have supported the lower Tweed Coast at a government level by providing personal, written submissions in many areas, as well as their support for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The list really is endless.

It is important to them that they are part of a happy thriving community and they are making sure that they are putting in all they can, Nevelle sums up her love of the area. 'We are just so very lucky. We have been here almost 20 years, it's a really nice place to live. The people, the community, and the schools are all fantastic, I couldn't wish for anything more. The town has grown so much since we got here, it's wonderful. We are very lucky to be here.'

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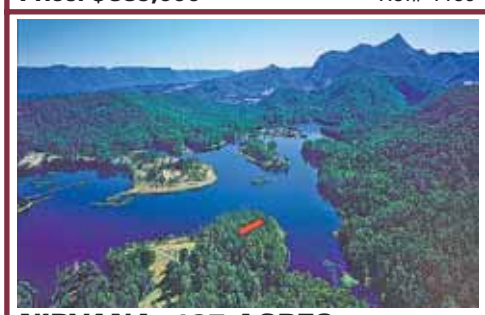

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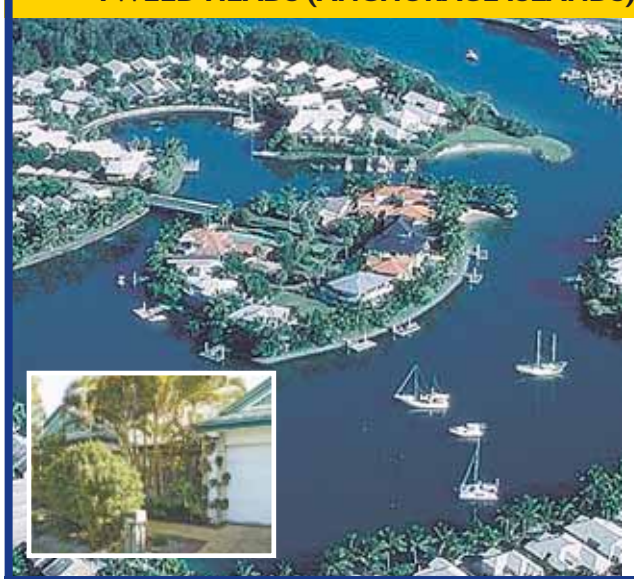

21 Quayside Court.
The handful of freehold titled homes on the waterfront here in Tweed's best address are so tightly held, it is incredible to have two superb examples on offer!

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TWEED HEADS (ANCHORAGE ISLANDS) SELLING $1.425 – $1.575M

39 Navigators Way.
Boaties will love it here with an array of berthing options available to you. There are 3 bedrooms plus downstairs study or 4th bedroom and 3rd bathroom. This is an impressive low maintenance residence.

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Seems there's a resurgence in scams via the email with one *Echo* staffer receiving 11 offers of millions of dollars in two days. The scams are becoming a little more imaginative with Oxfam UK offering 22.5 million English pounds by way of a poverty and development grant. Must have heard that the *Tweed Shire Echo* is an independent newspaper devoid of the deep pockets of its corporate competition.

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A local daily paper recently used a headline 'Polglase to *curb* development', referring to sacked mayor Warren Polglase's bid to become mayor again, which we were sure was a mistake that really should have read: 'Polglase to kerb development'. Apologies to all who had to blink twice, as we did here at *The Echo* over such a tongue-in-cheek claim.

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This week the valley icon, the banana, took on a new face: the Banana Festival Fritter! Our culinary experts have given it two thumbs up! Not so sure about the banana and spinach smoothie... might need to massage that culinary concept a little more!

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Restored-my-faith-in-humanity #1. Hats off to our local guardian angels: an off-duty nurse driving her children home in Cabarita last Thursday night around 9pm stopped to help other women in the coastal village's main street who were desperately trying to revive a young woman collapsed unconscious on the footpath after an alleged booze and drugs binge. The women gave CPR and followed ambo's instructions on a mobile phone in order to keep her alive till ambulance medicos turned up. Well done, girls.

Last weekend's Banana Festival parade in Murwillumbah (see page 12) started with a banana and finished with the traditional Hare Krishna float. This year the float had a very life-like statue of the devotees' spiritual master, Prabhupada. The statue, made of resin, was flown in from the USA. Contrary to popular belief, the statue came freight class, not sitting up in a first-class seat on the plane. That would have been just too freaky!

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Restored-my-faith-in-humanity #2. A big gold star for the kind woman who, on seeing two banknotes fall out of scribe's pocket as he paced along Warina Walk Arcade in downtown Murwillumbah last week, picked it up and alerted grateful owner. Woman's friend joked (*Backburner* hopes) that $15 was nothing to scoff about and she should've kept mum about it... scribe thanked her, suggested she buy a lottery ticket to cash in on luck and, of course, was then able to buy lunch.

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This Saturday, Tibetans around the world, led by the Dalai Lama, will observe a symbolic 12-hour fast. Australian Tibet Council encourages all Tibet supporters to join in solidarity with their local Tibetan community for some or all of the fast. Public gatherings have been organised in most states.

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Friend's four-year-old son in his first ever soccer game last week not only scored his team's first goal but then whacked in opposing team's as well... and soon after scooped the ball up, ran and kicked it far and wide, so great was his passion for mixing it with the other kiddies after at least two years of solo-soccer in the back yard. Come to think of it, wasn't that how rugby came about?

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Nominations for the annual Bad Developers Awards are being called for and we're sure there's quite a few developments on the Tweed worthy of a gong. The awards, organised by who else but The Greens, will be named on September 4 and the deadline is tomorrow (Friday, August 29) but you can ring 02 9230 3030 if you can't meet that. Categories include the Golden Toaster for crimes against amenity, the worst residential or industrial development and the most environmentally destructive development. Send nominations by email to hazel.blunden@parliament.nsw.gov.au or by fax to 02 9230 2159.

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